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Dear Brother Harris:

Thank you for your letter of September 6th and for your invitation to participate in the first annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, at Spring Arbor College, November 5th and 6th.

The assignment which you desire me to take is both exciting and challenging, and you honor me by your offer. I feel, however, that I must decline.

Primarily, I am not qualified to even be in the company of the brethren meeting under the auspices of the Wesleyan Theological Society. I have no academic degrees of any kind and would not be able to meet the basic requirements for membership in the Society. This being so, I have neither the right nor the learning to make a leading contribution in this setting.

May I suggest that Lt.-Colonel Milton S. Agnew participate? He is the principal of The Salvation Army School For Officers' Training in New York (1771 Andrews Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10453). Lt.-Colonel Agnew is academically qualified and could make a fine contribution.

Thank you again for thinking of me. I am grateful for your fellowship in and through the Gospel.

God bless you!

Sincerely yours,

(Bramwell Tripp)
Colonel