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Dear Dr. Dayton:

Your letter of Sept. 6 reached me Sept. 7 ( what efficient mail service). Sometimes it takes a week.

I see two errors which I evidently made—both of which are inexcusable, and for which I cannot account.

First, I do not know where I got \$21.60 instead of \$18.00 for 30 1968 Journals, unless I was figuring them on a different basis. You are right in that they should be \$18.00.

Second, I was using the later figures of Edward Brothers from their statements in which they had raised the price on us instead of their earlier statements on the basis of which you paid them, plus the fact that I was, as you have noted, figuring on the basis of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total job minus shipping costs instead of  $\frac{1}{8}$ , or half of the 500 copies which I received. I had meant to pay you for the ~~30~~ 30 copies of the 1968 Journal, and 250 copies of the 1966 and 1967 Journals which were half of the 500 combined copies I took.

Third, I have on the otherhand attempted, without success, to reconcile the figures of your letter of Sept 6 with either of the Edward Brothers statements, the earlier or later statements. I see your method of figuring, but I cannot find the bases for your figures. Therefore, I am going to try again as I understand the matter.

Fourth, in your letter of July 29, 1968 you inform me that " I received a July 19 statement from Edwards Brothers crediting us with my check for \$595.54 and listed a balance due of \$31.00," which you rightfully ignored. Thus I am assuming that your check \$595.54 paid the original quotations for the 1966 and 1967 Journals, plus the postage on all of these Journals sent to you and to me— 2000 copies. On this assumption I am concluding, whether right or wrong , that  $\frac{1}{4}$  of this \$595.54 figure plus 25% is my cost for 500 copies of the 1966 and 1967 Journals. Thus it should look thus.

500 copies = $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2000 (\$595.54, your check)	=	\$148.89
Plus 25% of \$148.89	=	37.22
500 copies received by Carter, total cost	=	\$186.11
250 copies paid for by Carter's check now	=	93.05
250 copies balance of Carter's stock (if sold)	=	93.06
Total cost to Carter for 500 copies	=	\$186.11

# 335

Check enclosed for 250 copies WTJ (from Ed. Bros.) \$93.05  
 Check # 336 enclosed for 30 copies 1968 WTJ @ .60 18.00  
 Total of two checks enclosed \$111.05  
 Whether this includes shipping costs I am uncertain.

Carter's figures included postage  
Ann Arbor to Marion and  
~~overage~~ runs of \$2.76 on 1966  
and 6.40 on 1967 + 1.24 Postage

Told Carter that if he wanted to pay the  
postage Ann Arbor to Marion,  
4.45 of this check was on it,  
3.11 left for rest to make  
check for rest of 500  $88.60 + 3.11 = 91.71$

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If my figures on the 1966 and 1967 WTJ, based upon your statement of payment to Edwards Brothers as of your letter of July 29, 1968, do not include shipping cost then please send me a statement of my share of the shipping cost and I shall pay you accordingly. It has been my understanding that mailing costs on the 1968 Journals are included in the 60 cts per copy in lots of 10 copies or more. I include it in my sales. If I am incorrect in this please inform me and I shall pay you accordingly.

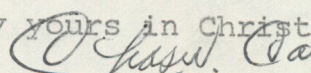
I am sorry that this difficulty of reconciling our figures, apart from my obvious mistakes, obtains. However, there are evidently certain factors included in your figures of which I am ignorant. I may have been figuring the 1968 Journals on an earlier figure of 75 cts which I paid Harris, or I may just have been too tired to figure at the time I did it. Anyway \$18.00 for 30 copies at .60 is correct, unless I am supposed to pay postage from Wilmore to Marion, which I shall gladly do, though I do not have that figure as yet as I have not as yet received these Journals from you- perhaps the first of the week.

While I hope to sell all of the WTJ stock on hand I cannot be sure at the moment. I am doing my best within my limitations of time and energy. Almost daily individual or the set of three orders are coming in from a great variety of sources. I may have opportunity to hit some conventions with them, but am not certain at present. I hope for fruit from my college and library WBC mailings when I get it out ( upward of 3,000 letters) within a few weeks, in which I shall enclose WTJ brochures. Time will tell. I wish I had a few good reviews of the WTJ for publicity purposes, but have none yet.

Fifth, I am having 6,000 copies of the WTJ brochure rerun with the corrections printed in and done in green ink instead of black as I think they will be more attractive. I should have them by about the middle of the week. Shall I send you a supply, and if so how many? Shall I send some to Climenhaga, and if so how many?

Sixth, Eerdmans have balked on a 1968 release of Vol. III of the WBC. They say February 1969 is their best. This balls me up for my planned sabbatical as we are out at Taylor at the end of the first semester on December 20 and I planned to leave very soon thereafter. I am not presently sure how I shall resolve the matter. My sabbatical appears to be fixed. They may just have to suffer the loss of my sales on this volume for their slowness. I told Bill that while the Scripture states that "with God all things are possible," it makes no such pronouncement concerning the Eerdmans Company. I told him furthermore that if this decision should kill me I have instructed my wife to charge my funeral expenses to the Eerdmans Company and put on my tombstone a parody of Kipling's discovery of an inscription on a tombstone in India ( "Here lies the man of the West who tried to hurry the man of the East")- " Here lies Carter who tried to hurry Eerdmans." Of course all question of the completion of the set is now erased and it is only a matter of a few months difference, but the delay is somewhat frustrating after one has made his plans otherwise.

Frankly I do not know how I shall resolve all of these matters. I shall simply do my best and let it go at that. I must get away, much as I love my work at Taylor, for a time at least. Beginnings there this year have been exceptionally good, for which we are grateful indeed.

Cordially yours in Christ  
  
Chas. W. Carter