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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Certain matters demand attention and so I shall write now.

First, I need to know at once about the shipping of the 1968 WTJ reprints from Edwards Brothers. I am not certain about the date of the release of this job, but it could be rather soon now if they put it through on schedule. I need to know the following.

1. do you want this stock sent directly to your home address there in Concord?

2. Have you any idea of how many copies should be sent directly to Dr. Arthur Climenhaga? I assume you have his address, but just in case you do not have it here it is: Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, 691 Ukiah Way, Upland, California 91786. I wrote him sometime ago a letter of sympathy in the loss of his wife. However, I have not heard from him for sometime now. I assume that he is accepting the Promotional-Secretaryship of the WTS again as elected. So far he has not done a great deal with it and this is some concern. Let's hope he does better this year. Poor man has had his burdens.

3. I hardly know what to say about the number that I may be able to handle now. With my sabbatical coming up within a month now, and with plans to be out of the country most of my leave from the end of this semester to September 1, 1969 I hardly see how I can be of much service in helping to market the WTJ. Of course I know that as Gen. Ed. this is not my responsibility, but I do wish to help the society out in every way possible. Actually it does not appear that I will be in a position to do a great deal about it this year if my present plans carry through. This will mean of course that we will have both the reprint of 1,000 copies of the 1968 edition and 2,000 copies of the 1969 to dispose of. If Climenhaga could get the holiness publishers and book-houses to handle the Journal as he had planned this should be a great boon to the project. I have not seen much evidence so far that he had succeeded in this, however.

4. There is little point in having all of the Journals sent to you and then you having to reship them to others who will be handling them. Previously Dayton and I have had the bulk of them sent to him, some to Climenhaga and the balance to me directly from Edward's Brothers. This saves postage from double shipping, and it saves the Secretary-Treasurer much work and trouble handling them twice.

5. This last year we worked out an arrangement with the Executive Committee whereby I paid Dayton the actual cost of the Journals, plus 25% and the shipping cost on those I took from Edwards Brothers, or the same for additional stock which I received from Dayton when the stock I took directly from Edwards Brothers was exhausted. Of course I spent a great deal of my own money advertising the Journal and marketing them, and I am not sure if I broke even when I sold them out at 40% discount. However, I have been happy to do this as we are all a part of the cause and if we do lose we simply count it an investment in the Lord's work. Of course I stood all expense of advertising and promoting the WTJ, except for the cost of the brochure which Dayton paid, that is from society funds. If I were to be here I would work this job as hard this year as I did last, but of course when I am away I cannot do it thus. I shall think it over and decide on the number I think I dare take, but just now I fear it should not be very many. I did take them on consignment last year, but I much more than sold the stock which I thus took. If more of the officers and members would take responsibility for helping market the Journal it would be a great boon.

Second, so far we have not made the headway with the new Journal for 1969 that I had hoped. Indeed we do have it all edited. But the lady who promised to type it on the veritype has been very slow with it. In fact so far she had typed but one article. Of course she works in Taylor Production Office and uses their machine and when they have work for her she has to lay this aside to get that done, and so far she has had little time. The one she has done is very nicely done, but this is of course a slow process. So far I have no other answer, however, I guess if we cannot get it out as early as we had hoped we shall just have to take it in stride. We cannot afford Edward Brothers typing at \$7.00 per page. I shall keep you informed as to progress.

Third, I find myself quite disgusted with Bishop Boyd and the NHA. After all the ado about their wanting the articles from Drs. Arnette and Taylor at the Olivet convention, and some of our other articles as well, I now have a letter (or a copy of a letter) written to Bishop Boyd by Dr. Taylor indicating that they may have decided not to use these articles after all and implying that we will print them in our WTJ. Taylor assumes that Boyd has sent his article to me for inclusion in the WTJ. It appears to me that what they intended was to get all of our articles from the Olivet convention and publish them in book form by the NHA, but when we refused to yield more than Taylor's and Arnett's they have reconsidered and do not plan to publish Taylor's and Arnett's. I have not received either of these articles from anyone as yet, and I am not at all sure that we can use either of them now should they be sent to us. That is , now that we have received and approved Dr. Wynkoop's article on "A Wesleyan View on Preaching Holiness" we have a moral obligation to use this article. I have reworked, lengthened and rewritten my article on " A Wesleyan View of the Spirit's Gift of Tongues at Pentecost!" Thus we may now have about all that we can afford to publish in the WTJ. I think Taylor's article is great and it would have been a decided asset to the WTJ. Arnett's article was very good, but I am not sure that there was anything too new in it that would make it especially appealing. Well anyway I am sure you can see our position. First we were told that we were obliged to publish these two articles as they were the "Positional Papers" of the NHA, and the WTS is an auxiliary of the NHA. Then we were told at Olivet that we could not have them, and now it appears that they are again wanting us to publish them. I would still be inclined to publish Taylor's if we have room for it, but I am not sure that we do. It is 30 pages long.

Tell Ed to be patient- I will come along with my paper when it is reworked. I have been snowed under with work. Cordially,
Chas. W. Carter