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Dr. W.Ralph Thompson. Box 341, Concord, Michigan, 49247. U.S.A.

Dear Brother Thompson,

I am afraid that much water has passed down the Thames since I received your communication of the 1st of April last regarding dues to the W.T.S. and the Annual Journal.

As you will see from the address I do not find it too easy to keep close contact with the Society I do, however, retain a very real interest in all its doings.

Beacause of currency transfer problems I have always paid dues whilst in the States, as I seem to average about one visit every eighteen months. Plans were well in advance for a three week stay at Asbury in the early summer and intended to cover my obligations to the Society at that time.

Pressure of work here, (I superintend a large Evangelical and Social programme which currently is in the course of re-location) prevented me making the trip. I do, however, have every hope of being in the States for three weeks around Eastertide next year, undertaking Revival and Convent--ion ministries in up state New York, Alabama, and Georgia.

Would you kindly permit me, (in view of the circumstances of my membership to be 'carried over' as it were until that time. As I will then have American currency in America, it is much more simple.

There is in fact a little story behind all this. When the W.T.S. was formed I acted as representative as far as I could in Britain and made contact with conservative Methodist scholears, one or two Nazarene leaders, and obtained note space in one or two journals. If there are any other British members I am afraid I do not know of them as I had no returned application forms. They may have been sent directly to the States of course. The idea was to gather in all the subscriptions here and send them on at the same time by special overseas Banker's order.

If it is quite impossible to wait until March or April perhaps you will just let me know and I will endeavour to arrange the dues through friends Sincerely.

William Parkes.