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Dear Ralph:

Yours of May 22 came to hand yesterday and I shall quickly reply. Busy days these, indeed, and one must act when time affords. I have all my grades ready to turn in except one class and I plan to have it done by noon today. What an ordeal with 302 students at Taylor and nearly 150 here at Marion. Never again will I permit this to happen. However, it has been a great experience, but an experience of which one is enough. I just thank God for the strength to carry through in good shape.

I cannot believe you have reached sixty. Of course I was aware that your wife was nearly a quarter of a century younger than you, but still I have thought of you as about fifty, which of course would be more fitting to her age of twenty five—or have I missed it by two or three years? Anyway these young wives do help greatly to preserve a man's youthfulness. I guess I have a few years on you, though I seem never to reach maturity. I always feel as if I am just approaching forty. An old evangelist once said that a person never gets old until he stops growing, that is spiritually and personally of course—not physically. Let us keep growing, here and hereafter. I do believe in everlasting progression and development (Heb. 12:22-24). Ralph Earle and I are the same age exactly—he may look younger. I have not seen him lately. I have three more years on tenure at Taylor if I choose to use them. Time will tell. I then plan to start another career—just when and where and how remain to be decided. Pray for me.

Eerdmans will pay royalty soon, so I am notified. Volume IV of WBC has sold out and has just been reprinted. This is good news saleswise. Other N.T. volumes will soon be sold out in the first edition and will be reprinted. The WBC seems now to be pretty well on its own and appears to have made a place for itself in the sun. We hope for many more reprints. Ralph Earle has just written me that Nazarene Seminary has made the WBC its book of the year for 1970-71, and will be using about 200 full sets. This is good news, even if Beacon Press refuses to promote the WBC. ~~In a review of the~~ In a review of Broadman's Bible Commentary (Vol. VIII) in the Asbury Seminary April 1970) George Turner places it midway between the Interpreter's Bible on the left and the WBC on the right—by which I hardly know what he may mean (p.p. 31, 32). Is this good or bad?

I note your statement concerning a biblical theology for laymen. I suppose this is not intended to conflict with the proposed Biblio-Systematic Theology contemplated by the Wesleyan men, of which you are a party. Quite recently Bill Eerdmans informed me that they were still willing to go ahead with the publication of this proposed work. However, I have investigated the

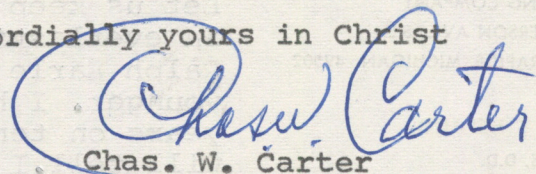
Nazarene plans and have finally found that they seem to have a plan also to publish a Biblical Theology to be produced by Richard and the other Taylor at the Seminary. When, what and how are not clear to me as yet. They considered revising Wiley and dropped the idea I understand. I think they got word of our plans and shifted to a consideration of what we planned. I have yet to discuss this matter with Eerdmans-that is the Nazarene plan. I am not certain how serious they may be about this. Count on them to try to do whatever we do. Are you still with us on this project if it seems wise to carry it through? I should know quite definitely soon. Let me know your thoughts about it.

What are your summer plans for the Near East¹. I seem to have forgotten. Is it a cooperative affair or just private? If it is a co-operative project could another get in on it, and if so for how much? I have made no summer plans as yet. We may go to Europe for part of the summer, or elsewhere-time will tell. Many others plan to go to Palestine-including Brother Heath. Burial might be cheaper there than here, though with less ceremony. One might find himself "Marching to Dyon" rather than "Marching to Sion." I am not sure that they would lead to the same destiny.

Thanks for all the information. You are right about the invoice to Barry Ross, etc. He will pay in due time. Let me know if he does not,
(you know who)

Brother/~~XXXX~~ finally ceased his assaults-or at least I have heard no ~~XXXX~~ further explosions for some weeks now. I informed him that I simply refused to descend from the professional level to answer personal insults, or those against the committee. I sincerely hope he softens up sufficiently to help promote the WTJ. May the Lord bless him and all the rest of His errant kids-I mean the Lord's kids.

Cordially yours in Christ


Chas. W. Carter

P.S. Do you still want me to help you make up a brochure for the promotion of the WTJ? I may have some time after this week when school is out. Let me know. CWC