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I passed on your suggestions regarding Lowell Noble's paper. He is taking them under advisement. Dr. Reist wrote to Lowell commending his paper very highly and hoping it would be published.

I hardly know what to say about the advisablility of preparing the brochure now. Probably we should not wait for the 1971 Journal, but mention should be made of it in the brochure. As for prices, we probably could make back our expenses by selling the entire lot of six Journals at \$3.50, and charge \$1.00 each for individual copies. I assume then, that we would expect to sell the whole lot in the ~~the~~ following years at \$4.00 (for six), \$4.50 (for seven), etc. This should work if we can continue producing the journals for the same reasonable prices which they have cost us so far.

How much of the new letterhead will you need?

Your trip to Barbados sounds exciting.

Cordially,

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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Your letter of November 18 is at hand and I shall reply at once while certain items are fresh in my mind and time permits this Saturday.

First, I have just checked Dunning's MS of last year and discover that his name should be Dr. H. Ray Dunning, not Roy as it mistakenly appears on the front of the 1969 WTJ - obviously a typographical error. Sorry. (Professor Philosophy and Religion, Travecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee). Yes, I would certainly send him another copy as he says he never received one. Evidently something went wrong with the mail. He might be offended if he did not receive a copy, and that we cannot afford. Whenever anyone reports that they have not received a volume, or even a whole set, of the WBC, even if Eerdman's records show that they have been sent, without hesitation they replace the order without question. I think this is good business policy even though it may be a bit expensive in the short run.

Second, in another letter from Dr. Mildred Wynkoop, of Travecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee 37210, yesterday ~~she~~ informs me, among other items, that she never received her copy of the 1970 Journal. I wonder what is wrong with the mail? I should certainly recommend that she also be sent another copy. Perhaps you can send both copies to her - one for Dunning and the other for her.

Third, Mildred Wynkoop requests that the same number of 1971 WTJs be reserved for her as of each of the other Journals she has ordered held until she sends for them. Of course this can be cared for when the 1971 WTJ is released.

Fourth, there is no question about the publication of Professor Lowell Noble's paper in the forthcoming Journal. I think it was much appreciated by all of us, including myself, for the new approaches and insights. Peisker and I have read and approved it. It is now with Harold Kuhn in Boston and will be back within a day or so. I do not expect him to have any negative criticisms of it. At the Vennard convention before he read his paper there were questions as to what the title might indicate, and the Editorial Committee felt that the title seemed ambiguous - SIN-SHAME-Savior: A new Framework, etc. The latter part of the title caused no concern, but actually the paper seems to treat "shame-versus guilt" and guilt does not appear

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in the title, nor does the paper have much to say about either sin or Savior as such. However, he has written me that he prefers the title which he gave it, and in that case it will be published under his original title, though the number of readers of the article may be lessened because of the title which appears somewhat ambiguous. The other factor was that the paper does not present any practical applications of the excellent principles which he discusses. Such should greatly enhance its value. I had hoped that he would add a page or two of such practical application, but he has written that he prefers that I do this editorially. I have not yet done so but may try it if necessary. In fact I have no question that all the papers-seven of them- will be published in the 1971 Journal, providing Dr. Kuhn approves the last three which are in his hands.

Fifth, I have followed through your figures on the Journals. These figures are quite correct as far as they go, but of course they do not take account of all the expenses involved in handling the Journals. If secretarial help required only inserting them in envelopes, addresses, etc. that would require a minimum of time and work. However, in order to move the Journals I discover that there is much extra correspondence involved. Often people write in for extra information, replies are then necessary, and sometimes payment is not sent and another letter has to go out with an invoice, etc. Of course my advertisement and promotion of the WTJ have been riders on my WBC promotion postage in the main, which has cost the WTS nothing. My single largest mailing in which I enclosed WTJ brochures cost me \$300.00 in postage alone ( a 5000 mailing list) none of which I charged against the WTS. In addition to the postage of that single mailing there were weeks of work, part time of course, by my secretary addressing and stuffing letters. Last summer I spent several hundred dollars visiting camps and conferences selling Journals and WBC, and of course charged no expense against the WTS. Also, right or wrong, I find it good business relations sometimes to issue complimentary copies for which I pay the WTS. Frequently this has more than paid off in sales. From the time we began selling the WTJ in lots of five for \$3.00 I have seldom sold any single copies. A very few at the most. So all in all, Dr. Thompson, I have no doubt that my figures would be in the red from handling the WTJ. However, this is in no sense a complaint. To keep down expenses I am usually at the typewriter at anywhere from 3:30 to 5:00 a.m. before breakfast and time to leave for the campus keeping up on orders and correspondence, and again often late at night. Then I quite often make trips to special ministerial and other conventions to sell. However, continuing good WBC sales help to keep me afloat financially and I have no complaints. This is simply an explanation.

I fear , Ralph, that the plan you suggest would not be practical from my point of view, or as it concerns me. In some instances it might work all right, but in many others such as where I sell at conferences, conventions , etc. I would have to have stock on hand. All in all I think it would complicate matters for records, handling, etc.

My preference is to continue the plan now in operation where I get the Journals at actual cost plus 25% and I pay you accordingly. This plan was given approval by the Executive Committee of the WTS several years ago, as you know, and thus there<sup>are</sup> no grounds for criticism. I brought up the question without previous thought at the Vennard Executive Committee meeting, but as you will remember, no sooner had I mentioned it than I withdrew my suggestion until I could give it further consideration. Frankly I have not yet found time to do any further figuring on the question, and in fact had decided to leave it as it has been. If I have lost anything, as is likely, in handling the WTJ during the past few years it certainly has caused me no worry, and I have been and am happy to make



the contribution to our worthy cause. Therefore my decision is to continue the arrangement as it has been and as it stands officially approved. However, hereafter I think I can relieve some of the pressure on you by simply taking a larger supply of the Journals at a given time and holding them in stock here for distribution. Perhaps now that I am an official distributor of the WTJ, as Promotional Secretary in addition to Chairman of the Editorial Board, it will be the most convenient and economical for me to have a part of each subsequent printing shipped directly to me here at Marion from the printers, and then I will pay you for them. I shall consider this item and inform you as to how many I think I can handle from my office when we have the reprints done and the new 1971 Journal printed. This will save both double handling and double shipping costs. I certainly do not wish any additional complication of record keeping in my business. This plan appears to be the simplest. I am not worried about profits or losses, even if I hire a parttime secretary again as I shall right away, and did do until I returned from my world service tour. Since I have some plans for the future I have no desire for a tombstone yet for half a century at least, ha. It seems to me that you should have some secretarial help provided by the WTS, Ralph. I will of course take care of my own secretarial expenses. I wonder if this has ever been considered for the Sec.-Treas. of the WTS?

Sixth, as I informed you on the phone, cancel my order for Barbados which I included in my last letter. I have already mailed this order out to Barbados from Marion. This is a gift from me to the Bible College there. We shall make some use of them during my teaching there in January, also.

Seventh, please answer Richard Taylor's question concerning complementary copies of the WTJ, as contained in my last letter. I really wonder if this sort of thing would not pay off well in the long run in other situations-particularly schools- as well.

Eight, I am in the process of getting up-to-date figures on reprints of the 1966 and 1967 Journals, as also for the new 1971 Journal. I shall inform you just as soon as I have them in hand-within a few days I hope.

Ninth, editorial work on the new Journal is practically completed. Kuhn has three articles to return and Peisker one, all of which will be back first of the week. I have the same typist as last year to prepare the the materials for the camera-ready printing. I hope to get her started on it the first of the week. She is fast and should not take long to complete the job.

Tenth, I cannot be certain about that amendment to Dr. Harris's motion, Ralph. I am afraid to commit myself after this long. I am, however writing to Harris today and will ask him if he can help us to reconstruct the amendment. Somehow your statement of it in this letter doesn't seem quite right, but I cannot be certain. I shall let you know just as soon as he replies, if he can help us. Please hold it to then.

Eleventh, I definitely favor printing the list of contributors with their addresses and denominations if you have the information. The ETS put theirs out in a separate booklet. However, I favor printing ours in the 1971 Journal. How soon can you get the material for the 1971 Journal to me? I need the committees as elected, the officers, number of members presently, treasurer's report, and membership list.

Twelfth, shall send you another copy of my report to Dr. Perry.

Thirteenth, I am investigating costs, etc. of the new brochure. Will let you know and proceed with it as soon as possible.

Fourteenth, I suggest 250 or 300 letterheads and envelopes, at least. I suppose they should now be listed as an Officer-Promotional Sect.

I shall remit at once. ~~XXXX~~ Sixteenth, please send invoices for Journals at cost plus 25% and  
Cordially yours in Christ, Chas. W. Carter

*Chas. W. Carter*