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December 16, 1970

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Dear  
Dear Charles:

I will try to answer you letter before I leave for vacation. I have a wedding and a speaking engagement in the Chicago area this weekend. We plan to go, then, to New York State for the rest of the holidays, where we shall be with Claribel's folk and some of our children. I expect to write a paper on the church in the Scriptures, during vacation, to be the first in a series of studies on the church, which is the theme of our midyear program this year.

Your suggestions about having Edwards Bros. send you 500 copies of the 1971 Journal seems good. Also your suggestion about retaining 250 copies of the new 1966 reprint.

I am writing Dean Blackstone for the exact wording of your motion. I believe he was recording the business meeting.

Your suggestion that I record them hereafter is good. I shall try to do so so long as I remain in this office.

I had anticipated your request for a copy of the Minutes. I have been making copies for all the officers, but want to get this motion of your cleared up first. I think I got it down the way you stated it, but we shall see, if Blackstone responds.

Merne's motion was as follows:

I move that a commission relation with the National Hobiness Association be established by this Society as an extension of the NHA's impact into the academic community. The Wesleyan Theological Society shall retain publishing rights to all papers presented at any meetings which occur under the Society's auspices. Publishing assignments advanced by the NHA may be accepted by the WTS but there is no obligation to do so. In the event publishing projects are undertaken for the NHA by the WTS, the Society shall assume all financial responsibility and retain all profits from



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such an effort. As a commission, the WTS will accept financial responsibility for its participation in national conventions of the NHA as do other commissions.

I am happy that Dr. Dayton understands the matter of the doctrinal statement now. Tennyson's words, I guess, apply to us all. If my memory serves me right, they go like this:

O purblind race of miserable men!  
How many among us, at this very hour,  
Do forge a life-long trouble for ourselves  
By taking true for false, and false for true.  
Here through the feeble twilight of this world,  
Groping, <sup>and many</sup> till we pass and reach that other  
Where we see as we are seen.

We hope your trip to Barbados turns out well.

Cordially,

*Ralph*

W. Ralph Thompson

December 17, 1970

Dear Charles:

I had written the letter of December 16th, but had not typed it (I like to take a look at what I have said before I type), so will enclose both of these together.

This letter is in response to yours of the evening of December 12th, mailed the 14th, that I received on the mail yesterday.

Thank you for the \$28.72 for 62 journals received. The 62 copies were the original 50 which you requested in writing plus the 12 which you requested by telephone when I mistakenly omitted one edition of the Journal in sending the 50. You will recall that I sent you double the number of one edition and omitted the edition of another year.



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I trust you received the Committee listings. I mailed them to you Monday, I think. Also, did you receive the letterhead and envelopes (300 of each)?

On the basis of your explanation with respect to the amendment to Dr. Harris' motion, I am letting the matter stand. I believe your explanation clears the matter.

With regard to the financial arrangement with respect to the journals which you distribute, I fear you misunderstood my motives. I am not meaning to suggest that your method is unethical. I do think, however, that without being able to give a strict account of just how many expenses you have had, that this manner of handling the journals exposes you to the possibility of being charged with unethical practices by some sleuth who may want to embarrass you some time. If that should happen, both you and I would be embarrassed. I was trying to prevent such a contingency from arising. It was on that basis that I used the word "acquiesce." The fact that you were given official permission to handle the journals as you do would not prevent an enemy within the Society from questioning your original motive for requesting this privilege. I know you well enough that I am raising no question personally. I was just trying to protect you from what I see as a possibly embarrassing situation in the future. I am willing to let the matter drop at this. I certainly do not want to add to your work by imposing technicalities on you.

Cordially,

W. Ralph Thompson



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