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May 1, 1971

Dr. Ralph Thompson, Secy.-Treas.
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

I take this occasion to write you with a copy of the letter being sent to each of the members of the executive committee of the WTS in order to save time and achieve uniformity.

First, As it now appears that my plans are sufficiently crystallized, I shall notify you of those plans for the year that lies before in the interest of the WTS.

1. About six weeks ago I resigned my position at Taylor University after twelve very challenging years of service there. My successor has been hired and the administration has accepted my resignation effective at the close of the present school year.

2. I have accepted the status of Scholar in Residence at Marion College with the proviso that I teach part-time and devote the balance of my time to research and writing, however, with the further provision that I be released for periods of teaching or work abroad as occasion may arise.

3. I have now accepted an appointment to teach in Taiwan beginning June 21 and continuing, most likely, through the school year of 1971-72. I am going to Taiwan under the auspices of the OMS and will live on the OMS compound at Taichung, teach part-time for the OMS theological college at Taichung and the balance of the time at the new 14-denomination union China Evangelical Seminary at Taipei. I shall be teaching systematic theology, Christian ethics, contemporary theology, and some Bible at both of these institutions. This is an open-ended proposition with an invitation from the OMS to remain beyond the school year of 71-72. However, it is most likely that I shall return to the States at the close of the 71-72 school year and work with Marion College as the agreement provides for.

Second, I am well aware of the implications of my plans for the WTS and my responsibilities to the Society. However, I also recall that Dr. Richard Taylor spent a year abroad in the Orient while he was president of the WTS and even taped and returned his presidential address to the ATS convention to be played to us. Consequently my situation may not be so greatly different. However, the following alternatives appear to be open for con-

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1. I could resign my position on the editorial committee as well as the promotional secretaryship and let you men solve the problems of the rest of the year as best you see fit. However, this is not my first choice, mainly because of my deep interest in the ongoing of the Society. Also I recall that I continued and handled the editorship during my eight months' sabbatical leave two years ago without any apparent damage or disadvantage to the interests of the Society. Notwithstanding these facts, if you men feel that it would be in the best interests of the Society for me to resign, I shall certainly respect your judgment.

2. Already 50% of the present Society year is gone and the 71 Journal has long since been launched, sales of the Journal have been extensive, and a large number of new members has been secured with various other forward movements realized this year. In the light of these facts, I would be willing to continue the editorship of the Journal to the end of my elected term which would be November, 1973, and continue to work with the executive committee in the promotion of the Society from my Oriental base.

3. The Rev. Armor D. Peisker is an experienced and highly efficient editor working constantly in this field, as is also Dr. Harold Kuhn, the other member of the editorial board. I see no reason that together we might not very successfully handle the editorial interests of the Journal. Even though according to present plans I will not be present at the November WTS conference, these men could read the manuscripts, airmail them to me in Taiwan where I would read and pass judgment upon them, and then by working with and through Brother Peisker we should be able to keep the 1972 Journal on schedule. I have a typist here who has done this Journal for us for the past few years and would be available to type it for the press again next fall. Peisker could very well do the proofreading as she typed it since she lives here at Marion, and together I see no good reason that we could not set up the Journal and get it through the press as efficiently as we have done previously. Actually airmail to Taiwan requires less than a week's time, which is considerably less than the time required to get regular mail from here to Wilmore, Kentucky sometimes.

I shall await the decision of the executive committee and your advice before making any final decision on my own part with regard to my relationship to the WTS. As you well know I am vitally interested in the Society and will continue to do my very best to advance those interests, though obviously a larger amount of responsibility would fall upon the other members of the executive committee during the next few months.

Third, I have been able to contact all but a few of the delinquent members of the WTS, and according to the approved plan have sent copies of the 1971 Journal to them with letters of encouragement to renew their membership by payment of dues. I cannot be certain at the moment how many of them have responded affirmatively, but am hopeful that a large percentage of them have or will do so. Dr. Thompson has that record as they were instructed to send their dues directly to him. In addition I have contacted and sent invitations to approximately 80 prospective new members, possibly somewhat in ~~excess~~ excess of this number. While I know that many of them have responded favorably and are accepting membership, I cannot be certain of the number because they were all instructed to send their application forms with payment of dues directly to Dr. Ralph Thompson. Consequently he and Dr. Wilber T. Dayton have those records, and will probably receive quite a number of others.

In the light of the foregoing it is obvious that I shall need to concentrate my interests and efforts between now and the middle of June in getting ready to go to Taiwan. Thus I await your reply. Yours in Him,
Chas. W. Carter

P.S. I have just discussed this whole matter with Brother Armor D. Peisker and find that he sees no problems involved in the handling of the editorial interests of the WTS as per my suggestions in this letter. He expresses himself as very willing and ready to assume any additional responsibilities that might devolve upon him in getting the 1972 Journal through as suggested in this letter. CWC

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