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Dear Mildred:

Your recent letter came while I was not feeling up to my best and thus this delayed response. I spent most of the weekend in bed and am feeling much better today.

It is good to learn that Dieter, Dunning and Kuhn are "nailed" down. Now as for the "Mahan Paper," I have checked on Dr. Mrs. Zikmund's personal stance, and for all we can learn here--at this writing--she would not be with theologically. It might be okay to invite her to critique the Paper presented by Don Dayton, but better have a WTS member present it. Here is a solution you might follow: Have Dayton present the paper, and have Dr. David Cubie and Dr. James E. Hamilton (Asbury College Prof. of Philosophy, who wrote his dissertation on Mahan) serve as respondents. After Mrs. Zikmund visits campus in the spring we'll know her better and maybe out of personal interest she might come to hear the "Mahan Paper" and participate from the audience. We ought not to overlook Dr. Hamilton in our midst who has done so much with Mahan, especially his basic philosophy and the bearing that had on his theology and social concerns.

Yes, Prof. Robert Day might be a good one to respond to Dunning's paper.

As I look over the list of participants I'm missing a voice from the Free Methodist people. Could we select one such, as a respondent to Dunning's paper? How about Dr. Frank Thompson of Greenville College, Greenville, IL?

I think if you can get both Dr. Corbitt and Dr. Bogart on the panel, following Dr. Kuhn's Paper, it would be fine.

In planning the Friday a.m. chapel, you can count on that period coming up at 10:00 a.m.--the time you set for Dr. Dieter's paper.

Enclosed is a copy of the "geographical boundaries" that were set up by our predecessors for "regional WTS organizations." I think Texas ought to go with Okla. and Ark., but whoever set up this zoning program thought otherwise.

What is your thought about "the respondents'" part in each period set out for them? Have them each write a critique of the position paper, which would also be published in the JOURNAL along with the Papers?

By the way, it seems to me and to others with whom I've spoken here that Don's topic needs narrowing somewhat. Maybe if the latter part of his topic read like this it would be more accurate: "A Study of a Nineteenth-Century Development within the American Holiness Movement." This narrows somewhat the real thrust of the paper envisioned, but rightly so, I believe.

The American Ass'n of Theological Schools has its "inspection team" on our campus this week, so we feel a bit like preparing to face "judgment day!" But we are favored with the threesome being from confessional backgrounds--Presbyterian, Lutheran and Roman Catholic!

I'll close for now. I haven't heard from Mrs. Zahniser as yet about my proposal of a way to honor her husband. I do not know what this man's relation was to a Bishop Zahniser who served in the Free Methodist Church many years ago. He's probably the one who crossed your pathway back in the yesteryears.

Sincerely yours and His,

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