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Friend and Brother Wayne,

Your letter of August 11, 1984, came the fore part of last week, just after I returned from a camp meeting in West Virginia. First, I want to congratulate you on your election as General Editor of The Wesleyan Church. Undoubtedly this new job will increase the scope and influence of your ministry, for which I am glad. I do have some ambivalence in regard to it, for I do not like to see your classroom influence absent at Marion College, plus the fact that it means a termination of your work as Secretary-Treasurer of WTS. I don't think anyone can do the job as you and your good wife have done these past several years. I notice you said in your letter that "my wife is a new person" -- is that elation over the ending of WTS details?

I'm honored that you think I could do the job. I must keep in mind, of course, that it is an elective office, and if nominated, that is no assurance that I will be elected. I'm still this side of a decision about it, and one thing for a responsible and intelligent decision is to get as much information as I can. This morning I talked to Gene Lintemuth, our ATS Business Administrator, about storage for 20,000+ volumes of WTS Journals. He seemed to think there is a good possibility, and wants me to send a letter to him about it so that he can put it through "the mill," thereby find-out what could be done. Our home basement is a "wet" basement with sump-pump.

Now for some information from you. How much work does your wife do in regard to your WTS responsibilities? Do you have any secretarial help? Just how do you handle the mailing out of the journals? I notice your latest letter, postmarked August 15, with the WTS annual programs enclosed is addressed on a gummed label with "0011 F" in the upper right-hand corner. How is that done? Do you have an address-o-graph? Just how much space does 20,000+ volumes take up? How do you stock them? Does the WTS Editorial Committee take full responsibility to see each issue through the press, then mailed to you? On the average, how much WTS mail do you receive daily? I'm afraid I'll have to disagree with the latter part of this sentence in your letter: "It only takes 500 hours a year (less than two hours a day average), which any member would be delighted to give for the WTS...." You are more optimistic about "any member," than I am -- though I was wondering if that might be one of these "tongue-in-cheek" statements?! Yes, I would look upon it "as a ministry." What sort of a filing system do you have -- regarding membership dues payments? mailing lists? delinquent dues? lost or delinquent members? What sort of ~~making~~ bookkeeping records do you keep in regard to finances? What kind of bank accounts do you have? Is there an annual audit? Are any WTS funds out on interest now? What is the present policy about travel & room expenses for the Executive Committee? As you can see, I'm full of questions!! But I do want to have as much information as possible before I can make a decision. My Dear Wife, who had her 73rd birthday yesterday, would not be able to help me much, if any, on such a job. Her talents and interests do not run along these lines. I do recall that our Brother O.D. Lovell had quite a time with that job. It was difficult for him to "keep on top" of it, and I don't think he ever quite succeeded in doing so.

I'll await word from you, Wayne. I'm sorry to ask so many questions, but I would want to undertake the work with "my eyes open." I'm getting along quite well. Tomorrow I see my doctor. I hope I can shed my "walker" for good!

P.S. How do you and the Membership Committee handle membership applications?

Cordially, your friend in HIM,

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