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Dear Brother Rose:

Some suggestions relative to the WTS meeting follow. I should like to see us give more consideration to the Biblical teaching on Holiness. The papers given in the past were good, and the Bible was used as a source of information. Would it be a good plan to give one meeting to a study of the Bible alone? The views of Wesley and others could be considered in connection with the Scripture. The approach would be Bible first. I believe the Bible has been our authority. A paper might be prepared on the teaching of the prophets. A second one on O.T. characters--NOah, Joseph, Job and David--men who lived above and beyond others. Certain terms used in connection with Noah have moral significance. What about the Psalms for a third paper?

Turning to the N.T., a study could be made of the teaching of Christ based on Matthew, Mark and Luke. Another possibility would be the writing of John. Another, the Pauline Epistles; more than one paper here perhaps. Another on the General Epistles.

In my judgment the Biblical writers speak with one voice on this subject. Such an approach would present holiness as a central biblical theme, not an extra of some sort.

You know the Wesleyan scholars better than I. In the study of the O.T., men with a knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. My suggestion is check the list of faculty members in our colleges and seminaries. Men who have recently completed graduate work may have done something in this area. Check with them.

If time permits, I would be willing to attempt a study of a section of the N.T. My first choice is the General Epistles, with I John as the main source. The Greek perfect [tense] is very important in I John.

The Gospel of John and the Revelation could be treated in another paper.

All this is of little help perhaps. I am glad you are Chairman of the program committee.

Hope to see you next week at the CHA Convention.

Your brother in Christ,

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