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Dear Dr. Fuhrman:

Thank you for your letter of November 5. I am sorry that it was not possible for you to share with us the inspiration of our recent Wesleyan Theological Society Conference in Spring Arbor. The attendance was good and the papers, on the whole, were very fine indeed.

There is a plan to publish the papers which were presented at the conference, but I do not know if all of them will be published. Professor Charles Carter of Taylor University is the chairman of this committee, and he could probably tell you what their plans are after a few weeks. It would be my guess that the Earle paper would be published as it proved to be one of the most interesting in many respects. If the committee decides against publishing it, however, I am sure that a copy could be obtained from Dr. Earle.

As you know my field of specialization is not theology, so I would not consider myself an authority to make an evaluation of Dr. Earle's presentation. I will say that the concern which you reflect in your letter did appear on the conference floor. In response to this Dr. Earle took a very strong unequivocal stand with reference to the plenary verbal inspiration of the scriptures. He did not define verbal as a mechanical dictation which seemed to leave all of men at the conference reassured.

We had a very fine service with Mr. Leo Thornton of W.E.S. in our chapel recently and several of the men talked with him afterwards about attending the seminary. We do appreciate your efforts in re-establishing a good rapport between W.E.S. and Vennard.

Sincerely yours,

Merne A. Harris
Vice President-Dean