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SEARCY, ARKANSAS

February 10, 1936

Mr. J. W. Shepherd
 945 Douglas Ave.
 Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Shepherd:

I have been a long time answering your letter, but I wanted, if I could, to work out some way by which we could assist your friend, but we buy our stamps just by little dabs and do not have money to put into a large amount of stamps at a time. We use lots of three-cent stamps all the time, so I don't see how we could manage the matter, so far from you. In the summer time, of course, we use many more stamps than now. If this friend of yours were close to us we could buy from him \$5.00 worth of stamps when we buy, or any small amount like this, we would be delighted to aid him in the matter.

I am always glad to hear from you and Sister Shepherd. I sometimes hunger for a real confidential talk with you over present conditions. I think I have always been optimistic, but conditions in the church, at the present time, are discouraging. I am sure you read Wallace's late issue in which he pretends to give the history of the Boll-Advocate trouble. You know this matter too well for me to make any further explanation. I am sure you call to mind the fact that G. Dallas Smith was the only dis-interested part in that conference in which Boll was accused of entering into an agreement. You will remember too, that he said under his own signature that the very thing that they claimed *Boll* agreed to was the thing he did not agree to. Later Boll admitted, as you will remember, that they did reach an agreement *on* understanding and that it was to be left to him and he was to take care of the situation. This was the statement that was made on the first page of the Advocate, as you will remember, and under which Boll began work again as first-page editor of the Advocate. Then they abuse this claim that he said no agreement was made and then later admitted that agreement was made. He has never made a step toward making any kind of effort to settle the trouble that *it* has not been abused and turned against *him* as to heap *anathemas* upon him anew. But, with it all, I see no chance to amend matters. I was asked to make the same request of Wallace that the other presidents of colleges made. I knew what to expect and I *could* not make the request,

however, instead of refusing, outright, I made another suggestion. Of course, I knew it would not be followed, but it was the only fair thing ~~from~~ my angle of the matter so far as I could see.

You may not know it, but I am scheduled to preach for the David Lipscomb College Church from April 5th to April 12th. I hope to see you then. Give my love to Sister Shepherd and Mary and the other children when you write to them.

Our school is progressing nicely. We have had more than thirty new students since Christmas. Things are going nicely and we are grateful to the Lord for his blessings.

Sincerely,

J. N. Armstrong
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P.S. I have an inexperienced stenographer but I hope you ~~can~~ ^{may} be able to get my meaning.
J. N. A.

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November 11, 1935

Mr. J. N. Armstrong

Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Brother Armstrong:

For the last fifteen or twenty years, there has been more or less agitation over the question of Premillennialism and over questions pertaining to Bro. Boll and his teaching. I have young preachers and others to ask me the facts about what has been done and the origin of the trouble.

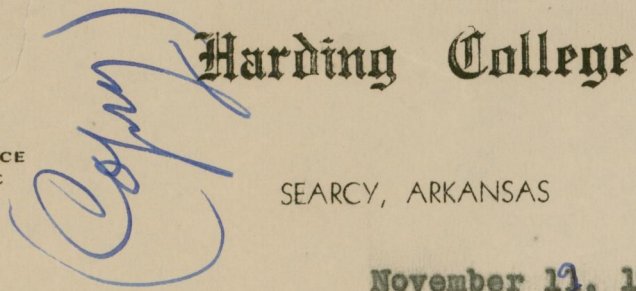
I have just thought that it might be well to ask Bro. Wallace to get up these matters with no more comment than is necessary to explain and to let this appear in his magazine so that all of us might have it for reference. One reason I am writing is because I have seen a recent correspondence between Bro. George Klingman and Bro. J. F. Kurfees. They have reviewed this pretty thoroughly and it seems to me that what they have written, together with additional facts, would be worth while to these young preachers who knew nothing of differences at the beginning. If this meets with your approval, I am suggesting that we sign the enclosed.

I hope all may be well with you.

Faithfully yours,

NBH:cn

N. B. Hardeman



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SEARCY, ARKANSAS

November 17, 1935

N. B. Hardeman, President
Freed-Hardeman College
Henderson, Tennessee

Dear Brother Hardeman:

Your letter has just come to my desk. If anything is to be published concerning the matter mentioned, I certainly should be much interested in a righteous effort to lessen the breach that has come by the Advocate--Boll trouble.

For years I have wished the facts concerning the origin and history of this serious strife could be known by brethren generally. I know these facts very well myself and believe a fair and impartial statement of them without comment would be very helpful in an effort to reestablish confidence, heal wounds, and close up the breach that has been made.

So I am making the suggestion that a committee of three from the following brethren be selected to edit the paper stating the facts of the origin and history of this matter: J. W. Shepherd, H. Leo Boles, Claude F. Witty, S. H. Hall, H. H. Adamson, G. C. Brewer, N. B. Hardeman and John T. Smith.

These men for the most part have lived as mature men through the trouble and are known pretty well to the brotherhood. Three men chosen from this group to gather the facts and edit such a paper might be able to help us toward peace. Then I suggest that before the paper is published that it be submitted to the brethren specially involved for their suggestions and, if possible, for their approval.

Sincerely,

JNA:NB

J. N. Armstrong

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SEARCY, ARKANSAS

November 11, 1935

Mr. Foy E. Wallace

Box 1078

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Brother Wallace:

In order that our young preachers and others may be informed regarding the origin and continued agitation over the teaching of Bro. R. H. Boll and others, we believe it will be in order for you to gather up such facts as have appeared in various publications and tracts and publish these in your magazine with as little comment as is necessary. You have doubtless seen a recent correspondence between Brethren Klingman and Kurfees. Such a publication would serve as a ready reference to facts that have entered into this unfortunate affair.

After you have prepared your material, we would suggest that you confer with representative brethren for final approval before publication.

Fraternally,