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February 14, 1966

Mr. Dwain Evans
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Dear Dwain:

I have supposed that by "prospectus" you mean the statement about the proposed periodical we have discussed for sometime. Enclosed you will find a copy of my copy. I didn't want to let the copy you sent me get away.

I recently allowed a preacher in the area to read the statement to which he responded, "If such could be realized, it would have the greatly needed impact upon New Testament Christianity. I hope it becomes a reality."

It is imperative that a forum be provided where ideas and positions can be openly and freely stated. This journal could do that as well as help mold a more open spirit among our brethren. I have been made painfully aware of the "closed society" which characterizes our brotherhood where little disagreement is allowed and no serious questioning of positions is permitted. With a proper philosophy and with a philosophical awareness of the imperatives of truth-seeking, I am convinced a new journal could prove generally and widely beneficial.

The proposed publication that Gurganus will be discussing at the Abilene meeting, according to my present knowledge, will be directed almost completely to missions. The journal you talk about in this prospectus and to which I have referred in this letter would have to be of a different nature. I will be in Abilene on Thursday and Friday of the Lectureship and hope to see you then.

Fraternally,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc