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November 18, 1914

[Written on Bible Institute of Los Angeles letterhead]

Mr. Lyman Stewart,  
c/o Union Oil Company  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stewart:-

Yours of November 17<sup>th</sup> enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Thomas E. Stephens of October 20<sup>th</sup>, received, and on the basis of it I have formed the following statement. If this is what you desire, you could send it on to Mr. Stephens to be inserted in the name of the "Two Laymen", their names, of course, being withheld. There may be other things you wish to add to it. I see no reason why I should be consulted about that. This that I send you is merely a suggestion, to be changed according to your own wisdom and desire. You will note that I have omitted that part about Mr. Thomas E. Stephens becoming the business manager of the King's Business. I felt that was necessary in view of what you showed me yesterday, but I have not omitted his name in the other place where it occurs for I felt he ought to have credit for the work he has done even though he is not to continue with us:

STATEMENT OF THE TWO LAYMEN IN VOLUME 12 OF "THE FUNDAMENTALS".

Dr. A. C. Dixon, at that time pastor of the Moody Church, in Chicago, organized The Testimony Publishing Company, and edited the first five volumes of "The Fundamentals." Upon his being called to London to become pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle founded by the late Charles H. Spurgeon, he found it necessary to give up the work of editing "The Fundamentals." The next five volumes were edited by the late Lewis [*sic*] Meyer, a Christian Jew, who worked so strenuously in the securing and editing of matter for "The Fundamentals" that his health failed. He departed to be with Christ July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1913, in Monrovia, California, his widow and children now residing in Pasadena, California. Dr. R. A. Torrey, dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, edited Volumes 11 and 12, two articles, however, in Volume 11 having been passed upon by Mr. Meyer and passed on to Dr. Torrey when he took up the work. Thomas E. Stephens, editor of the Moody Church Herald, has been the business manager from the beginning, and the Moody Church and Moody Bible Institute have contributed in many ways to the success of the work. The original plan was for twelve volumes to be issued, one every two or three months, but owing to the difficulty of realizing on securities that have been put up for this work, the intervals between the later volumes have been greatly prolonged, but with this volume the original plan is complete. (I would add here how many volumes have been

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issued in all, where they have circulated, and so on. Mr. Stephens will have to furnish you with that information). Many requests have come in for the continuance of this testimony in some form. In compliance with these requests is is [*sic*] planned to undertake its continuance through "The King's Business", which is published by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and of which Dr. R. A. Torrey will be the editor in chief. Dr. Torrey was for many years the Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, until he left that work to undertake his worldwide work as an evangelist. He is now dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The Testimony Publishing Company, from the very inception of its work of publishing “The Fundamentals” has been kept absolutely free from commercialism, and the continuance of this testimony through “The King’s Business” is also to be kept absolutely free from commercialism. Any profits arising from subscriptions to the magazine are to be used for free Scripture and tract distribution.

*[Handwritten in left margin of this paragraph of the letter: “This paragraph changed in letter of 11/29 to Mr. Stephens”]*

It is planned to send the March number of “The King’s Business” to all readers of “The Fundamentals” that those who desire may have an opportunity to subscribe for it. It is possible that the two laymen may subscribe for the readers of “The Fundamentals” for a limited period. This will depend on general financial conditions. (This last sentence I find in a letter to Mr. Stephens, but I do not know that you wish it to go in this statement.) *[Handwritten next to a bracket in left margin of this paragraph of the letter: “Out”]*

It is purposed for “The King’s Business” not merely to give the best articles that can be secured along the line of testimony of the twelve volumes of “The Fundamentals”, but also to make helps on the International Sunday School lessons [*sic*] a special feature of the magazine. We assume that in doing this a need will be supplied which will greatly increase the effectiveness of Sunday School teaching. Sincerely yours,

R. A. Torrey p *[Supposed letter]*