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February 14, 1913

[Written in pencil] Ans 2/19

[Letter written on *The Missionary Review of the World* (New York); Editorial Office of Louis Meyer, Box 778, Monrovia, Cal. letterhead]

[Handwritten letter]

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am writing today to Mr. Giles Kellogg as trustee of the funds for The Fundamentals, requesting him to consult with you concerning the publication of vol. 10. of The Fundamentals. If the way is open as far as funds are concerned, I believe that we ought to have the volume out in April that it can be placed in the hands of the students of the Theological Seminaries, the Bible Schools, and the Missionary Training Schools before they leave for their fields of labor. To my mind the work of reaching these students is most important. But before we issue the volume 10. (and really without further delay, if we expect to issue it before summer), the very important question should be settled if in sending it out our comprehensive mailing-list should be used or only the names of those who have filled out and returned the card which we enclosed in vol. 9. (to which should be added perhaps the parts of our old mailing-list referring to Australia, Africa, and Asia, or countries from which we have not yet heard on account of shortness of time). According to my most recent information from Chicago, we have received about 60,000 answers to our request for application through filled out cards.

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I would favor of using the old comprehensive mailing list, if the state of our funds allows, for the following reasons: 1. I am fully persuaded that very few of those who are not in harmony with the teaching of The Fundamentals, have filled out and returned the card. Proof: at least 98 per cent. of the returned cards contain recommendation and praise. Is it not very important to reach these who are either already captives of destructive higher criticism or in danger of becoming such? 2. I am also convinced that many of those who are in harmony with the teaching of The Fundamentals have not returned the cards, because they thought that lack of funds caused the cutting down of the mailing list and desired that the volumes should reach those more in need of strengthening teaching than themselves. Proof: several letters to that effect have reached me, and I myself would have felt thus. 3. According to the plans, vols. 10. & 11. will contain articles with plain doctrinal teaching and expositions of Spiritualism, Romanism, and perhaps Socialism, while vol. 12. will be limited to articles on "Prophecy" or, rather, "The Premillennial Return of the Lord" and a complete index of all volumes. Vol. 11. will also contain the recommendations of books by fifty prominent leaders and, if we can secure it, a wise attack on

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Secret Societies. If these three volumes are placed in the hands of the multitude of Christian workers who received the first nine, they have received a complete set (complete on account of the index). There are many other reasons why I would like to see our comprehensive mailing-list used for vols. 10., 11., & 12., but I do not want to persuade you to do anything because I desire it. I know, dear Mr. Stewart, that you

will do whatever you consider right and best suited for the spreading of the glorious truth in Christ Jesus our Lord. Yours sincerely,

Louis Meyer.