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February 20, 1913

[Written in pencil] Ans 2/22-13

[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 thank you for your kind letter of today and I will answer its business matters later. Today I want to talk to you in strictest confidence. Can you not prevail upon Dr. Torrey to use more temperate language when writing to me? No other member of the Committee uses such language and every one, except Dr. Torrey is trying to help me as I explained in my letter of November 4., the day on which I had my first hemorrhages. The receipt of a letter like the enclosed excites me until my temperature increases and I suffer, and the same things can be said very easily in temperate gentle language as other members of the Committee do. In this case Dr. Torrey's opinion about the value of the papers, or rather of three, for the fourth has not been submitted to other members yet, is not the opinion of the Committee members who have already seen the papers. One (Davis, Mind & Spirit) has been read by Dr. Mabie, D. L. Pierson, Professor Kyle, and Professor Moorehead, the latter declaring it most excellent, and its publication has not been opposed. The second (McRae, Liberalism) has been read and accepted by Dr. Mabie, Rev. Potter, Professor Kyle, and Professor Moorhead. The third (Stobo, Apologetic Value of Paul's Epistles) has been read and accepted by Dr. Munhall, Professor Erdman, Rev. Potter, D. L. Pierson, Professor Moorehead and Professor Kyle. Thus "waste of God's money"

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and "not bother the Committee" are under all circumstances too strong. Where I want your counsel is, if you consider it right for me to ask Dr. Torrey the next time when I send him manuscripts to use language not quite as harsh as he has done? I may add that, according to our rules, I have to ask Dr. Torrey for a detailed criticism of the papers and then submit criticisms and papers to every member of the Committee, but since I am sick I may not do that and simply drop the papers and thus save my strength. I was much better the last three days again, but I do not feel very good this afternoon. Please, do not let my wife know that Dr. Torrey's letter worried me. She handed me the envelope with the manuscripts, never thinking that it could contain anything to worry me. She knows how many sleepless nights Dr. Torrey's past letters have caused me and she might become prejudiced when she finds out what is the matter now. Kindly write me directly to the Sanatorium what you counsel me to do and return Dr. Torrey's letter. With kindest regards, yours sincerely,

Louis Meyer.