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Dear Brethren:

I have received your letter of March 20 and have carefully read it and discussed the matter you raised with some of the brethren concerned with the appraisal of your manuscript. I note your feeling that the content of your original manuscript has not been directly dealt with. I think brethren that those who studied the manuscript did so quite carefully and felt that the reference to inappropriateness of certain quotations, as well as to certain historical facts referred to, had a delinite bearing on the content and that the content would naturally be affected by the accuracy or inaccuracy of statements, as well as certain historical facts surrounding the whole 1888 experience and following it.

But to assure you brethren that our men here are very willing to give "direct consideration to the content," I make the following suggestion: That you write out briefly the various points that you think should be considered and that contain the heart of your manuscript. After all, it is a very long one and, in the opinion of the brethren, rather wordy and not too clear in certain areas. Direct statements would therefore help the brethren to come to immediate grips with the fundamental questions concerning which you desire counsel.

I shall not write more now except to express appreciation for your letter as well as the willingness of the brethren to deal sympathetically and carefully with the question you raise.

With kind regards, I remain

Cordially your brother,

R. R. Figuhr