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Dear Brother Wieland:

This note may be a surprise, but I thought I would drop a line. I might say that I just finished a series of 8 studies for the workers of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference at a spiritual retreat near Hot Springs. The Lord was surely with us. We had a blessed time together.

The reason I am writing is because wherever I go your name is brought up by workers who have become uncertain and troubled by your "1888 Re-Examined." Before leaving Washington Elder Lowe told me that he had had a number of conversations with you. I had mentioned that I hoped we might have a little chat together, but you apparently did not desire to do that.

Elder Tarr told me that you had let him read that long letter to you that I wrote last spring, so apparently you have shared that with others. But I am not interested in talking about that. Now that the place has been opened to you, and it was not felt wise for you to be encouraged to go to La Sierra to the college, I just wanted to make a little personal appeal.

Why not put behind you the things that are past, and press forward to the heights that are before us. Why not leave a trail of confidence and of assurance in the minds of those with whom you have contact. I think that Brother Lowe gave you the right counsel. I will not enter into that. That is not the purpose of this. It is merely an appeal to do your best now, to pull with the better, to establish confidence in the leading hand of God.

How I wish that you could find it in your heart to put away some of those things that have fascinated you, upon which there is no solid foundation in Spirit of Prophecy counsels or encouragements, and cling to the great fundamentals

of salvation, the eternal verities of the Everlasting Gospel. These are the things that create confidence, that build for strength in the Church, that lead to unity and not to perplexity and division.

You have a new chance. You, I believe, referred to the fact that you are looked upon askance by many. Brother Wieland, that is your own doing. Your own materials that have been so widely circulated have created this situation, but you can change it. And I am appealing to you to work where God works and pull with the brethren.

This is said in a kindly spirit in the hope that you will receive it in the same way in which it is written and that you will do the very thing that I have suggested.

Most sincerely in the Master's
service,

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