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Dear Brother:--

As I wrote you briefly while at Indianapolis, your letter with enclosures was forwarded to me at that place, and I had no opportunity for writing: so deferred a reply until I should come back to the office.

I have read over the correspondence between you and Brother Belden very carefully. I have been very deeply interested in your letters to him, as you can readily understand when I say, that you have never made any statement in my hearing, nor by correspondence, all the years since we were located near together in Chicago, which indicated that you had undergone any change of mind, since the talk we had with Dr. Kellogg, when you, Dr. Sadler, and I were present, regarding "Living Temple" and some letters which had been written concerning the human side of the Testimonies, I have been very greatly puzzled regarding your attitude. In fact, during that conversation you stated that there was not a statement in the theological portion of the book "Living Temple", for which there could not be found a corresponding statement in the Testimonies of Sister White. Very naturally I inferred from that, that you meant ~~the~~ the Testimonies for which there was a claim of divine authorship. You remarked, last winter, when we were together at the Baptist church, during the conference, that your course of late years ought to be ~~in~~ evidence of a change of sentiment; but that does not always follow, although I admit that often it may be taken as indicating a change of belief on the part of an individual. What you have stated in your letter to Brother Belden is what I have been looking for for years. I have not held that there was no evidence of a change of sentiment; but at the same time, your statements were so strong and so definite at the time of our ~~conferen~~ conversation at the Branch on Thirty-third Place, that I

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have been unable to get them out of my mind. Now I am glad to accept the statements for which I have been looking.

I should be very glad to come over and have a talk with you, but I shall not have a day at my disposal until about the middle of February. We planned to hold an elders' and workers' meeting in each of the seven conferences of the Lake Union during the present winter. These meetings have just begun. The Northern Illinois meeting was held during December; the Indiana has just closed. We have four of these elder's meetings yet to be held,--one each week; and one week will be devoted to the meeting of the Union Conference Committee and Emmanuel Missionary College Board. But when I am at liberty, I shall be very glad to go to Hinsdale, or meet you in Chicago, or make any arrangements which will be convenient for you.

I assure you, Doctor, that personally I have only the most cordial feelings. I think I need not say more at this time, having set before you what I have on hand for the present.

With sincere regards, I am

As ever your brother,

*Allen Mason.*

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