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Dear Brother Platner:

This is promised statement along the line of our oral conversation in your long-distance call Thursday night.

I was trained in Pacific Union and Walla Walla Colleges with a special year of foreign mission seminary which we conducted a number of years, nearly all of which graduates went to the mission fields.

I went to China. I had two years at the University of Nanking learning to read, write, and speak Chinese in order to edit the Chinese Signs of the Times. We were forced back because of Mrs. Froom's illness, I was for years editor of the Watchman magazine, 1922-'26.

At that time Elder Daniells asked me to join him as his junior associate at the General Conference in the Ministerial Association. After a time he withdrew, and I became secretary of the Ministerial Association and editor of the Ministry for many years, founding the journal.

At the General Conference my first work was to help Elder Daniells bring out his Christ Our Righteousness in 1926. Then my own Coming of the Comforter in 1928. I was asked to produce the four-volume Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers to meet the unjust charges of L. R. Conradi. This four-volume set is now used in some four hundred universities, colleges, seminaries, divinity schools, and Bible institutes around the circle of the globe, with more sets going out all the time.

Then came the contacts with the Evangelical leaders, eventuating in the book, Questions on Doctrines, in which I had a definite part. This was followed by the two-volume Conditionalist Faith of Our Fathers, which is being remarkably received by scholars around the world.

But the book that I have just finished--that is, the manuscript, Eternal Verities Triumphant--is the most important work of my life. It traces the lifestream of the Advent Movement from its beginning on to the great climax and triumph.

It deals with the two categories of doctrine--the testing truths of the Third Angel's message, and the larger salvation truths, the Eternal Verities, upon which there were divergent views in our beginning and upon which the Lord has to bring us into unity before we win the ear and command the respect of serious thinkers in the religious world.

They looked upon us as an anti-Christian cult, because some of our forefathers denied the complete Deity of Christ and the atonement completed on the cross.

The studies we will have in Southeastern California are the seventeenth series given all the way from certain smaller conferences up to union-wide institutes with seven hundred, or seven-hundred-and-fifty, as it was in the Atlantic Union.

One of the most important was before the last General Conference over at Andrews University. A theological workshop with eighty-nine students covered this same field, only intensively, and of course climaxing with a test.

For many years I was Professor of Historical Theology at the Seminary, or University, and am Professor Emeritus now, and will remain such, of course, as long as I live.

Now, I don't take any pride in reciting these things, but you asked to know a little about them. I trust this will be ample. I think it is altogether too much. But you asked for it, so here it is.

I am looking forward to seeing you. I am sending you, separately, the Table of Contents and the Introduction to my new book, and also the two charts which will be sent still separately, probably by ordinary mail.

We have two charts, one 12' long, the other 18' long, both of them 54" wide, which we will follow as we trace "The Hand That Led Us," which will be the general theme of the series.

Faithfully yours in the service,

L. E. Froom

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