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March 9, 1934.

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Elder W. H. Branson,
 Elder J. L. Shaw,
 Glendale, Calif.

Dear Brethren:

Your train letter of March 6 arrived Thursday morning. We called in Elders Spicer and Wilcox as you suggested, and read our message to you and your reply. Elder Wilcox felt that our correspondence with Professor Prescott as of January 29 was right and need not be recalled. Elder Spicer suggested that we might await your return before action and then do what seemed advisable.

In the afternoon of yesterday the Officers who are here and who sat with you in the interviews with Professor Prescott agreed to write you explaining our plan so you could understand it.

1. That we withdraw the correspondence with Professor Prescott, including the counsel given him (which he claims was rendered previous to granting him a hearing and that we based our counsel on the reports of two men with whom he had conversations) by sending him a letter to read as follows:

"In our letter of January 29, we counseled that you withdraw from Emmanuel Missionary College at the close of the school year. We further invited you to come to Washington for an interview if you thought advisable.

"Owing to your sickness, this interview did not take place till March 2-4. In our interview you suggested that the January 29 letter should not have been written, at least not until after an interview with you. In the spirit of the Golden Rule we suggest that each party, including Brother Holden, return to the other all correspondence on the question of your continuing as Bible teacher. This withdraws our counsel suggesting that you withdraw your name as Bible teacher in Emmanuel Missionary College for next year. The way is now open for consideration of the whole question concerning your future work."

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2. If Professor Prescott continues as head of the Emmanuel Missionary College Bible Department, that we arrange an interview at such time as can be agreed on, and following the interview give such counsel as the interview warrants.

All this is done to eliminate from Professor Prescott's mind the feeling that we Officers failed to follow the recognized proper method of not condemning a man without a hearing. It, too, will withdraw the objectionable phraseology in the January 29 letter which pained Professor Prescott so much and which he uses as proof of ill treatment.

We who were with you in the interview with Professor Prescott suggest this outline as one way to help Professor Prescott to see that we have not meant to wrong him and that we desire to treat him fairly. If you concur in this plan, we suggest that Brother Branson sign the Prescott letter, or amend it and sign, sending on his signed copy for Evans to sign also, when it will be passed to Professor Prescott.

If you approve this plan, we leave you to deal with Elder Holden, securing the recalled correspondence. We here would return, with the suggested letter to Prescott, Prescott's correspondence with us on this matter, so he would know we were acting in good faith.

If you do not feel that we should do anything at all, but let things rest, you will let us know.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. WATSON, PRESIDENT

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Elder W. W. Branson,
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 Dear Brethren:

Your train letter of March 6 arrived Thursday morning. We called in Elders Solner and Alcox as you suggested, and read our message to you and your reply. Elder Alcox felt that our correspondence with Professor Prescott as of January 29 was right and need not be recalled. Elder Solner suggested that we might wait your return before action and then do what seemed advisable.

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W. W. Branson

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2. If Professor Prescott continues as Bible teacher at Emmanuel Missionary College Bible Department, that we arrange an interview at such time as can be agreed on, and follow in the interview give such counsel as the interview warrants.

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