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My dear Professor Lacey:

A letter just received from Professor Olsen of the Fireside Correspondence School states that you promised when you left Takoma Park about three months ago to send in shortly the new lessons on the Book of Revelation that you are preparing for the School. I wonder, Professor Lacey, if these are in definite preparation. I was indeed appreciative of the courtesy of the School in sending me a set of your supplementary lessons on Daniel. I value these very highly, as I have the occasional letters from you in answer to queries upon which I wished counsel. I sincerely hope that you will complete the lessons on Revelation, and that I may secure a set of them in the same way. Had you brethren any thought of lessons in either Elementary or Advanced Bible Doctrines?

Word has come to me in a round-about way of feared in your disconnection from Washington and the probability of your taking up another line of work. While I have never had a great deal of contact with you, Professor Lacey, I have in those contacts always appreciated the scholarly approach that you have had to questions and, so far as I have been able to determine, loyalty to this message that it seemed to me was equivalent to the loyalty of some who have criticized you. Doubtless you have been a bit more outspoken in your thoughts than have some others.

I do not believe that this message need fear honest investigation. If it cannot, it is time we found it out. I deplore the lack of intensive Bible study and historical research in our ranks today. I think that new light will confirm the essentials of the past, though that does not mean that all of the details must be retained as our founders laid them down. The remarkable feature, to my mind, of, for instance, Uriah Smith's work is that so few errors, comparatively, of an essential nature are to be found in his book. There are many, many points in which we disagree with Smith; but the agreements on many of the essentials are most remarkable.

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Pardon this rambling comment. But I wanted you to know that I personally appreciate your friendship and have enjoyed the occasional letters I received from you.

Sincerely, yours in the Master's service,

L. E. Groom

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