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Lexington, Ky. December 31<sup>st</sup> 1874W. J. Moore, L. F. Smith  
and W. J. Tebb, Committee  
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Brethren

Your communication of 10<sup>th</sup> ultimo received and would have been promptly answered but for reasons given your Chairman in a postal card. Its perusal has convinced us that no good can result from a written discussion of the questions involved. On the contrary we are satisfied from the tone of your letter, that instead of healing a difficulty, which we all desire, we may ourselves become involved in a misunderstanding. Entertaining as we do a high regard for you, we are determined that this shall not occur. Therefore we pass over without comment and forgive your offensive assertion that you regard our reference to the effect of an acceptance of <sup>Mr. Bowman's</sup> ~~the~~ written proposition submitted by you "as a mere excuse for our unwillingness to act promptly in the matter." We feel confident that this language does not reflect the sentiment of the Committee, and that your Chairman who prepared your communication, will on reflection, feel that he has done us, as well as you himself great injustice in using such language.

Passing over without comment much of your letter, we feel that it is due you to correct a grave error into which you have fallen, ~~and~~ that is, in assuming that Mr Bowman's case is similar to Prof. J. D. Pickett's; and that as the Church restored Bro. Pickett it should likewise restore Mr Bowman. There is not the slightest