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Dear Dr. Harper,

Yours of the 21st rec'd. Knowing that there were some who would be only too glad to "pick you up" in some flaw, if they could, I have exercised unusual care with your lessons, and have several times had to do some "cutting", to save us from possible trouble; not that I did not agree with you, but because the devil is yet abroad, and greedy to hurt the Lord's workers, if only he can do so. I have not changed, except by omission, and this I have to do with every one of our editors; and the good part of it is that either they do not examine, or, they forget, or, they are the most amiable set ever known, for I have yet to receive the first scourging for using

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the editorial prerogative. I may not say in writing what I should not hesitate to say were we face to face, in confidence, on this matter. We are in correspondence with Prof. Harris, of Richmond, who is eminently qualified, and I think it likely he will accept, but this must be regarded as confidential for the present. Other names have been mentioned, but nothing definite has been arranged.

Could you give me copy for your lessons a little earlier than heretofore? We really need them at least two weeks sooner to have time for turning short corners. Any time you want money, please let me know, and I will issue the necessary order, and then there may

be some delay, as all orders have to pass the
With Compliments of the Season,
Ex. Committee before payment. Yours, C. R. Blackall

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