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Correspondence between Leroy Garrett

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Mr. Leroy Garrett
Restoration Press
1201 Windsor Drive
Denton, Texas 76201

Dear Leroy:

Enclosed you will find a check for one year's subscription to *Restoration Review*. I find this price highly inexpensive, and I wish to express my appreciation to you for the time and effort that I know you expend without remuneration on behalf of this work. Your reaction and assessment of Brother Ellis' contribution to the recent unity meeting was extremely interesting. I was saddened to know that he did not take full advantage of the opportunity provided in a spirit of love and open discussion. I find one of the most crippling elements facing us is our attitude toward truth and our unwillingness to admit openness to future truth of which we may have no present knowledge.

You are helping in this matter, and I send you my very best wishes. I hope that sometime in the future we will have an opportunity to talk with one another. My sole concern is service to God through Jesus Christ. This is my reason for working with Herald of Truth which I hope will become an even more effective instrument for Gospel proclamation in the days ahead.

Your suggestions and criticisms will be appreciated any time you have any to share. We want to make the sermons on Herald of Truth and our whole attitude toward Herald of Truth the most effective it can possibly be.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Dear John Allen:

We were of course sorry that you could not make Bethany. It would have gone better had you been there, but it was a joyous experience for us all nonetheless. We will look forward to another time when you can be in on something like that. It will thrill your soul, brother.

Carroll manifested a very fine spirit, and I must admit I was relieved, for I was fearful as to what one might do who would suppose Foy Wallace should be on the program. Carroll's difficulty was that he simply did not get anything said much. And what an opportunity he had: it is rare when one gets to sit with a man like Dale Fiers in an open panel, and of course Bill Lown, prexy at Manhattan Bible College. It was the chance for a real, forceful witness; but Carroll appeared uncertain. I certainly figured he would give the usual "pattern" sermon, but he didn't give even that. My wife thought he was unduly conscious of Carl's and my presence, but I doubt that. It was a new field for him to plow in and he was unsure of the course he should take. To say the usual little cliches back home where everybody parrots the same thing is quite different from facing men like Dale Fiers and Carl Ketcherside.
But please understand that I am grateful that Carroll was there, and I thank you for lining him up for us. Somebody like him needed to be on. A few like him made possible the good writeups we got. You saw the one in CC I suppose.

We have you down for HR for a year and enclose the bill, which you may remit at your convenience.

Jimmy Allen is holding forth this week at the big meeting in Dallas, and I am hoping to get in to hear him at least once.

When you are nearby come in to see us. We have 4,000 women on our campus, which ought to hold some interest to any man, however committed he may be!

My mail indicates that a real spiritual renaissance is underway among our people. The Spirit is working great things, and He can use the both of us in some small way to that end — especially can He use you. God be praised!

I expect to see my Lord someday face to face, and I am doubtful that He will ask me anything about instrumental music or societies, but He will certainly judge me for the way I treat my brothers, who are God's children.

As ever in HIM,

Jerry Barrett