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Hi son. Here is a little check you can pass along in your next letter to Highland.

Gene Darby sent me name and address of all elders and deacons of Highland and I am listing them to get ACTION.

Your letter came today with the article on "An Exercise in Application." You are right - it is an explosive subject but so far as I am concerned, you stay right in there and pitch. As long as you are holding up the teachings of Christ have no fear of any man or all men. I would gladly lose every subscriber on that basis. There is, however, as you well know as lesson from Jesus - the time for things. I do not know that this is any better time for this subject than any other but I can think of nothing facing the church today that should be postponed. Hit it with all you have but do so wisely as matters of this kind move slowly following long periods of teaching. Even in your lifetime you are not going to move our people there in the South too far on this but they need to be taught what is right. Actually, as you well know, it is really not a matter of joint worship but rather the realm of social which hold most of our people back.

Joe Barnett is on a good subject - spiritual dropout and he just sent his March article which is a dandy. In yours, try to hold to about two pages where possible.

Since the first of the year we have received orders for bundles amounting to almost 3000 copies and I would guess some 500 other singles. You can see we are moving. Joe thinks he can get Central to order for every family on the basis of $1.25 per without the church ever having to renew. I think this makes a good deal for a church and every publication should make similar offers at their prices.

Brush me up on your work and what I should mention in the paper about it. Love to you and Sue.

James L. Lovell

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