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To: Mrs. Hazel L. Mason

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Mrs. Hazel L. Mason  
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Dear sister Mason:

We have deeply appreciated your christian concern for the patients at the Cedar Grove Nursing Home. Your concern for Betty Pharris is commendable and we pray with you that she will be led to full acceptance of Christ.

I understand that brother Fisher wrote you relative to our having a communion service on Sundays at the home. I would obviously be better if the Walling Church would take the initiative but if you feel this is not possible at the present time we will be happy to serve in this capacity. The two questions of your recent letter are herein answered. Number one, the problem of what a preacher's wife should wear is no different from what any christian woman should wear. There is no doubt according to the teachings of Galatians 5:19-21, I Peter 3:1-6; and I Timothy 2:9-10 a christian woman must be careful about every aspect of her life (of course the same is taught in other places for the christian man). This means that her words, her thoughts, her actions, her manner of dress, and everything that makes her a person should be controlled by her obligation to reflect Christ in his purity and holiness. I do not approve of any christian woman wearing indecent clothing such as many do today. Obviously this would include the preacher's wife. I am convinced that there are times when for some women in special circumstances it may be more modest to wear slacks than a dress, however, indiscriminate wearing of this type clothing is not in my opinion in keeping with christian demeanor and would never be a time when the christian woman could wear the kind of slacks that so many wear today which are indecent because of tight fit or other impropriety.

I hope these answers are of benefit to you.

Fraternally yours,