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Dear Brother Chalk:

Your good letter of the 11th was much appreciated. It is my most sanguine hope that my letter to the Chronicle will do nothing but good. Regardless, it was the honest feeling of my heart and I was compelled to write it.

Some of my good friends are voicing their fears that Ira will leave no stone unturned to ruin me. A neighboring preacher told me no later than this morning that he could undo all I had built up in thirty-one years. Perhaps I am foolish, but I just don't believe he can! I have not worked over a very large area and the brethren that know me trust me. If he can do such a thing then my friends were surely of the fair weather type. It may be foolish but that kind of fear is just not in my make up.

My son Dudley, who is the Editorial Director of the Chronicle was in Henderson, Tennessee last week and apparently Ira was not aware of his connection with the paper. So in his presence and that of three other brethren Ira made the statement that he would guarantee that he would close the doors of the R. B. Sweet Publishing company! He has to be an ego-maniac!

He may do it but if all of us preachers who want to see a worthy journal live he could not. I enclose application for subscriptions with every letter I write and I pray others will too.

Again it was nice to hear from you and the Lord bless and keep you.

Yours in the work,

Mardell Lynch