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Rev. J. M. Frost, Secretary,
Sunday School Board,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:-

If I could even half way see the publishing of our abridged reports of Dr. Hatcher's Lectures as you do I would comply with the suggestion at once. I am confident that you have the wrong idea about it. You know that unadvertised lectures and other books fall flat. The first impressions of the lectures must be made while they are hot. If they do not have a boom now you will find it difficult to boom them hereafter. It seems to me without doubt that what The Argus is doing is what you could really afford to pay for rather than to hinder its plan. This week's paper shows that hardly a fourth of the lecture is printed and it is capped with "Reported in Brief, etc."

It seems to me such reports will whet the appetite of pastors and other scattered brethren for the complete lectures and create in them a desire for all of their superintendents and teachers to have them in permanent form. I am not alone in this opinion among our friends here.

Then these brief reports will reach six thousand ~~seven~~ hundred homes; four or five thousand of them would not be reached by your book. These ought to spread a hunger for your lectures in book form. Then I have promised them to my readers and Nos. 3 and 4 are not only reported and typewritten but they are linotyped and corrected. No. 2 was locked up in the forms when the letter came and there could be no hesitation about that. Think over this again, Brother Frost, and I believe you will agree with me.

Your article on Literature will go in next week. We are yet enjoying the Lectures and the guests whom the Lectures gave to us.

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Prestridge