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Secretary J. M. Frost,

Nashville, Tenn

Dear Brother:-

Let me call your attention to editorials in this and the next Argus or two. A crisis has come in my thinking. State education, in public school, high school, in state college, the contention of the Disciples, the bitterness of Hall and company, the reaction from such as they on the part of our better ministry, these and other things have put our denominational life at a low ebb. It seems to me that Jesus Christ thought immersion and communion were the divinest, the almightiest means of revealing to all the generations, the heavenly doctrines he brought to earth. Why should we let the Disciples rob us? Why should we let a few unlovely Baptists cause us to ignore or slight them? Is the Baptist message delivered to the world? Are their special ordinances to pass away like the temple worship? Can spiritual

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city and distinctive Baptist doctrines be remarried? Would not this make for us a great cry for a new campaign for Jesus Christ?

These are the questions which occur to me, and I am undertaking to answer them. It would give me pleasure to know that you are giving some special attention to what I am trying to say.

Dr. Sampey read the editorial which will come out this week and he has suggested my putting it into a tract. I told him that the two editorials following might be combined with it, and make a better presentation of the matter. I will decide about that later.

Sincerely yours,

J. N. Prestridge.

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Dr. J. M. Frost,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:-

I appreciate more than I can tell you your very kind letter. It seems to me that a message has been given to me for our people. I have in hand several editorials following up the line of the others. Next week I have "An Interpretation of Baptist Polity." How it does loom up when looked at with a desire to see what God meant in it and by it. I have ready also a discussion along this line on The Laggard Churches, I believe a real contribution. A handfull of letters have come to me, one from Dr. McConnell, raising the same question of your letter, to the effect that perhaps God has raised up The Argus for this purpose. With the light in hand a number of problems have solved themselves to the satisfaction of my mind and heart. God forbid that I should elbow people and God grant that I may elbow the spirit of bitterness and war in which our glorious doctrines

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have been preached. Thank you very much for your kindly criticisms. They shall keep me on the watch. B.Y.P.U. program will be on the union of spirituality and Baptist doctrines.

I would be glad indeed for you to make memorandum for the dates in November, and come without fail. I put it petition for you to be put on with this subject: "The New Baptist Literature."

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Prestridge.

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