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Mr. Milton C. Scott
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of August 18 came when I was in the hospital for an abdominal operation. Convalescence took longer than I expected, and when I got back to my desk, there were urgent matters in connection with the start of the school year that had to be taken care of at once. I had no idea that so long a time would elapse before I would be able to complete the preparation of a fitting answer to your question, or I would certainly have sent you a preliminary answer long before this.

Thank you for sending me a copy of pages 38 and 41 of the book by Dr. Neely McCarter entitled, Hear the Word of the Lord. I agree entirely with your judgment that this material is nothing but so-called higher criticism and that it is not fit to be taught to the young people of our Sunday Schools. It is truly shocking to observe the subtle way in which the author uses mixed-up logic to draw conclusions that have no basis whatever in the facts that he presents.

On page 38 you have marked the sentence: "The idea that the Bible must be verbally pure or correct at every point is not biblical; it is a human belief."

In making this statement Dr. McCarter is going directly contrary to the facts. You yourself have pointed out in your letter a few clear evidences that sharply contradict what he says. You have quoted from the Psalmist: "The Law of the Lord is perfect," from the book of Proverbs: "Every word of God is pure," and from the words of Jesus Himself: "The Scripture cannot be broken."