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My Dear Brother,

I am in receipt of both your epistles and am delighted to find you are so staunch a friend to Bro. Bowers and his excellent wife. In soliciting your opinion of them and their work, my object was not so much to confirm and strengthen my own convictions of them, for already they were in full possession of them, but rather to provide myself with collateral evidence in the event his name should come before the Quarterly Meeting for confirmation or consideration. The predominant and ascendant elements of Bro B's character, I am glad to find, you had so carefully observed, and only desired just such an opportunity as my interrogatory letter suggested, to give vent in so feeling a manner to virtues, qualities, and excellencies of so rare a nature as he possesses. For several years I have seen the unfolding and developing of these traits of character in him and have striven to clear away the brush from around his settings, that thereby greater warmth of feeling, and more cordial appreciation may be given him so that a fuller and larger field of activity may be his to operate in. While I have long felt that the limitations of your choice little village where totally inadequate for the lofty purposes of a life so intense, an activity so replete, and a nature so vigorous; yet how to awaken public sentiment in his favor, has and is a problem of no mean consideration. His mind is of that fine logical type which penetrates and digs deep into the researches of Truth, while his energies are of the devout and conscientious kind that will not

of the right and true. To know him is to love him, and further knowledge begets deeper obligation until swayed by the high pressure of affection you come into the realm, where your last letter finds you, that you cannot stand still and hear a word of disparagement that will in anyway injure his standing in the community, and I can enter into your sense of indignation and mental acrimony when you find men who are trying to assail his character on the ground of physical weakness, and bodily infirmity. I know your strong forcible convictions against such pigmy argument, which makes it almost impossible to sit on yourself and I'm not surprised that you feel like sailing in and doing up a number of these ministerial trucksters and exposing their methods of sapping and belittling character under guise of Christianity; but Dr. the evil is as old as the race, nor did Christianity obliterate it, for rivalry obtained among the disciples, and the yearning for greatness was only checked by the marvelous object lesson of Christ washing their feet, while Paul himself felt that almost every church were belittling his efforts by a reference to bodily weakness. Think it not strange then when men of your acquaintance, or mine, will try to nip out the fragrance of Bro. Bowers usefulness by a reference to physical inability be that supposed or real. I realize Dr. that in all these things, you see a field where you could cut big swaths of ministerial and official cyars and where sensation could be a great accessory to popular demand, but when you are through the taste will not be gratified, nor the evil remedied, it only remains that we individualy do ourselves servants to such vile practices. I am assuring you of the pleasure I have received from so frank expressions of your views of Methodism and of Bro. B. in particular and assuring you of the personal interest I will put forth towards his advancement. Ever believe, Dear Dr.

Very Cordially Yours
Edw. Applegate