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My dear Brother,

I feel it is  
only due to you  
to write and briefly  
explain why I have  
not inserted your  
letter on "Baptism".

Since I wrote you  
I heard from two or  
three other quarters  
on the same subject,  
each pressing some  
phase of the question.

It will, I am assured  
be obvious to you  
that to open the door  
of controversy in our

Simple magazine would  
be unwise. At any rate  
so I feel, and therefore  
would ask you to allow  
me to let the matter  
rest just where it is  
for the present.

As I know you to be  
a penman, it is strongly  
upon my mind to say  
that if you have any  
incident for which you

can vouch, illustrating  
God's dealings in bringing  
souls into peace and  
assurance, I should be  
thankful to learn you  
have it on your heart  
to send it me for publication.  
It is much before me  
that the B. M. M. might, through  
the Lord's good hand, be of  
such a character as to be  
of service to some of the  
many simple souls not  
in fellowship with us.

Very Cordially yours

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