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Quincy, 24th April 50

My Dear Sir — I have seen your letter  
to the Editor of the Chronicle respecting the  
Register, & have been sincerely regretting the  
step that you have taken. You must either  
be unacquainted with our plan or  
not disposed to carry it out. I have  
not which I believe I should have  
supposed either possible. Our plan,  
(in which both boards are united) is  
to distribute 1000 copies gratis for one year,  
which allows one for every five  
families in our Church. Ministers  
are merely required to act as agents  
in distributing knowledge gratis to  
their ~~flocks~~ people. Now after  
publishing this plan more  
than once in the Chronicle  
and after giving a full detail of it  
in the first number of the Register,  
into which I presume you looked  
(or you could not have known  
whence it came) it is hard to believe  
that you were unacquainted with our  
plan; and again it seems hard to  
believe that you would refuse to act as agents  
for both Boards in merely circulating



free information among your  
people & more especially if we can  
order that cause signed, a supposed  
~~offense~~ attack by one of the Boards.  
I call it a supposed attack you have  
certainly that it was not intended  
as such; nor have I ever met with  
any person who received it in that  
light but yourself. There was only a  
simple fact stated which whoever  
occurred to us would give offense or  
we would in all probability have  
repealed it; as we have no wish to give  
offense more especially when there is  
so much need for harmony.  
But we cannot help thinking that you  
judge us very uncharitably and even  
unjustly when you convert this simple  
statement into an attack. Your charge  
in a late controversy with a Baptist  
opponent was a subject of remark and  
surprise to us all. I would be much  
glad if you and some other among  
us would excuse a little devermudation  
charge. There is a great want of a spirit  
of unity and harmony amongst the  
Latter-day amongst brethren have become  
notorious and are sometimes carried



you with great accuracy; so that it is  
no wonder if our people exhibit the  
same spirit, and therefore resolutions  
and counter resolutions appear from  
different sections of our town. This is a  
subject of grief and lamentation to  
the real friends of the Redeemer - but  
of ridicule and scorn to the world and  
the ungodly-minded of all denomina-  
tions. Could you not sacrifice  
something with a view to mend mat-  
ters in this respect? will the expla-  
nation given not be satisfactory so  
that you can act as agent in  
the small service required? Are  
you not willing to buy the halibut  
of strife and smoke the calumnet  
of peace as far as this matter  
of small moment is concerned.

This would gratify many friends  
of the Redeemer who would  
be grieved by a contrary course, whose  
hearts will bleed (not burn) when  
they talk of the intemperance which  
in this case I expect, I am sure  
that many of our best men are  
disposed to say Oh that my head  
were waters and mine eyes a



Mountain of tears that might  
weep day and night in the  
opportunities and jealousies and  
heart burnings and strife which  
appear in our Zion. Hoping that  
you will not further grieve the  
hearts of so many followers  
of Jesus the Prince of peace  
by further contention in the matter

Remain

Res Dear Sir

Yours &c

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