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Dear Dr. Kantzer:

Your letter of August 3 has reached me. I would like to answer it immediately but my secretary is away today. I will be away all next week myself so I am leaving this on the Sound Scriber and asking her to type it up and mail it off to you so that you will get it just as soon as possible. I am asking her to send it Air Mail Special Delivery.

I was much interested in your letter of August 3. It is very kind of you to suggest to send me a copy of your minutes. If this should not be inconvenient for you I would appreciate it greatly.

I was much interested in looking over the questions which you have raised. At the very beginning you asked, "What is the purpose of the word?", and gave five different purposes. It would impress me that unless you are to take the second one, there is comparatively little to be accomplished by the work. I certainly would not use the title of number three. The word obvious mistakes does not sound good at all. It would prejudice people against you at the start. I also do not like the statement in 4, - "removal of obvious archaeisms and mistakes". If you would leave out the words, "and mistakes", I think number 4 would not be bad at all for a statement of it.

I have stated in my previous letter to you what seems to me to be the line along which real progress could be made. I think you are very wise in raising different questions and letting the committee talk them over so that the conclusion reached would be a democratic conclusion. At the same time, I am very hopeful that the conclusion reached will be in line with the suggestions in my letter since I feel that this is the line along which a real contribution can be made today.

Let me just give you briefly the comments that occur to me in connection with your problems which you mention. Some of them I will perhaps not say much about since I have dealt with them fully in the previous letter. Regarding No. 1: I would say certainly yes, although sometimes there is a problem in deciding which portions are to be considered this way. No:2: I think we ought to follow the King James practice and say no. No 3: I think that you should follow the King James practice and use capitals, L, O, R and D - just as it does so that it uses the word Lord, but the eye