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Elder William Alexander,  
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Dear Brother Alexander:

Your registered letter just received. I do not quite understand. You quote a telegram from John Adams saying, merely, "Resolution concerning Armstrong passed. Notify him at once."

WHAT resolution? If resolutions are being presented concerning me, should I not be notified before they are acted upon? I now ask for a copy of the resolution, the name of the one who presented it, the names of those who voted upon it, and the names of those who voted for it, as well as against it. I want the details. I do not want a vague statement that this was passed "by the twelve," but if you say this, I want to know the specific names of the men, and just how many, voted, and how they voted. I am entitled to this information, and all details, before I am discredited and branded unworthy longer to hold credentials as a minister in this organization. I shall withhold action respecting the return of the credentials until this information is supplied.

I also demand to know in WHAT WAY I have sinned—just WHAT I HAVE DONE that unfits me to be a minister of Jesus Christ? WHAT have I DONE that warrants branding me unworthy of the ministry?

Your letter seems to rely upon the technicality taking the position I do not see eye to eye with The Church in doctrine. I presume this refers to the holydays of the Lord. Our constitution lays down forty points as the doctrine of the Church. These forty points cannot be ADDED to—no other point can become a doctrine, and therefore a test of fellowship,—without the UNANIMOUS vote of the TWELVE. The stand you take against the holydays of the Lord, then, has not, according to our constitution, been added to the forty points as a point of Church doctrine, because, from your own mouth in the hearing of witnesses, I have the information that ONLY THREE of the twelve voted for your position against the holydays. Three of the twelve cannot add a point to the 40 points, or make a point fundamental church doctrine. Yes, frankly, I disagree with the three, but I do agree with another of the twelve whom I know BELIEVES IN the holydays of the Lord and KEEPS THEM. He has told me so in person, and I also have his statement to this effect in his own handwriting. Is he, one of the twelve, disloyal? Is he unfit to be a minister? Are you asking his credentials? ARE YOU SHOWING RESPECT OF PERSONS?

I call to your attention that, since I was requested by Elder Dugger last January to be silent on the holyday issue that, although I did not agree to any such silence, I have voluntarily remained silent upon it while he, and two or three others, have made this a church issue and have preached AGAINST this truth of the Lord, both in

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the Bible Advocate and otherwise. I offered you the full freedom of speaking on your side of this question before my local congregation in Eugene, which you did for two long hours—but I have not even so much as made any attempt to refute your sermon. I have not agitated this issue. I have NEVER made an issue of it. True, I preached it both at Eugene and Jefferson churches two and three years ago, BEFORE this was made an issue in the church, and before I even so much as knew any of you considered to be leaders opposed it. As a result, both Eugene and Jefferson churches were keeping the holydays of the Lord, and I think the membership was unanimous on it at both places. At least it was never presented in a way to cause strife, contention, or division, and IT NEVER DID, until you, Elder Severson, and Elder Dugger thru the Advocate, turned this into an issue, willing to split up the church over it. Since it has become a matter of strife, I have voluntarily remained silent on it. I have never preached this truth in other places, or tried to spread it, because I do love peace and harmony, and have tried to work for it, and for the UPBUILDING of the CHURCH OF GOD, which I love.

In my actions, I have done my best to co-operate with you, even tho I do not agree with three or four of you. Is it a sin that I honestly do not agree with a few of you on this one issue? The FACTS are, that, while I do not BELIEVE as you say you believe, yet I have tried to co-operate with you in my actions—I have remained silent on this—I have never stirred up trouble on it, since it became an issue. Yet YOUR campaign of strife on it has divided brethren.

I have always worked for peace and harmony, and for LOVE among brethren. I have labored almost day and night to BUILD UP the Church. As a result of my labors, the Lord has added scores of new members to the church, brought in from the outside. The Lord has placed His approval upon my humble efforts, with more than one hundred conversions—and the epistle of commendation which CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM ME, is not written by MEN'S hands, with ink, but in the fleshy tables of the HEARTS of these dear precious souls, whose changed lives, now led of the Holy Spirit, is the answer of the Lord to your present actions concerning me.

Before I accepted my lot as one of the seventy, I had the assurance from members of the Twelve that ministers were to be left FREE in their belief OUTSIDE of the 40 points. I accepted my credentials with that understanding. I HAVE BROKEN NO AGREEMENT!

I have done my best to labor with the organization in love, to co-operate for the saving of souls, and the preaching of the warning message to the multitudes as a witness, and those who have heard it from my preaching number into the hundreds of thousands. New ~~members have been raised up thru my efforts.~~

I have done my best to labor in love, not in strife. I have never preached contrary to the 40 points. I have remained silent on the holyday issue, since it became an issue. Now I demand to know what I have DONE that UNFITS me to hold credentials. If I have DONE WRONG, I want to know it, so I can repent, for I want to be in the Kingdom. If I have not done wrong, and you have no just cause, and still want my credentials, I am willing to suffer for Christ's sake.

Yours in Kingdom service,