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Dear Doctor Clark,

I have been hoping to hear from you since I called on you, but evidently must pursue my theme. I do not want to come to the Trustees' meeting with a dissension to discuss. I have too much admiration for you to believe that is necessary.

You evidently feel bound by your vows that were based on the authorities of which you showed me a sample. Logical inference from them clearly supports your challenged statements. Jesus dealt with some old authorities in the fifth of Matthew. He puts his authority over against the best of them, even Moses. "But I say unto you."----"that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." It was Jesus that said, "God so loved the world"-- John 3:16. "The Father himself loveth you." "Whosoever will, let him come." "Is not willing that any should perish." "I and my Father are one."

→ Logic cannot harmonize these with the vows you took. Rightly interpreted, the Bible is logical, harmonious from beginning to end. Misinterpreted, it is made the basis of endless theological contention. Let your common sense put it together. You really are one of us. Do not follow Herod in keeping your vow mistakenly.

You know that logically the word, IS, has at least a dozen distinct meanings, as shown by symbolic logic. Language at best is an imperfect medium. Jesus not only said, but showed compassion, all sorts of divine love. He lived what he said. You believe not only his word, but his Spirit of truth, the holy Interpreter. You love him because he first loved you.

Let me hear from you. I respect your integrity.

Sincerely yours,

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