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My dear Brother

Your letter of 10th with enclosure came when we were in the midst of special services and I have only now been able to take up the subject. I have read with great interest every one of your circulars and letters and am impressed with the value of S. M. and the amount of work it requires.

We are in circumstances somewhat different from you. Over 260 churches are situated over a territory that takes three days of travel to cover east and west and a recent statement is that but 16 or 18 of these churches have a pastor of their own. I take the liberty of enclosing my report to last Synod which shows you the recent organization of my Committee and its composition viz: the "agent" of Synod with the "agents" of the different presbyteries. Besides this our next month is May not November and there could be no Synodical action endorsing S. M. in time for this year's effort.

If you can send me half a dozen copies of

the more important documents, especially yours
of 1888 entitled "Simultaneous Meetings" and the
report to Synod of that year, I will lay the mat-
ter before the "agents" of the presbytery and seek
their cooperation in an experimental effort
this year under presbyterial rather than synodi-
cal auspices. Then if we have any suc-
cess we can go to Synod in November for
endorsement. We have a whole day set apart
to this cause & S.M. could be made a feature
of it. I greatly fear however that the thor-
ough organization would require more time
than I could give it unless good committees
could be formed in the presbytery to assist
the "agents"

Dr. Hueston our Secretary for the Assem-
bly is heartily in favor of the plan

Bro Helms present address is Stanford

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With many thanks for your brother-
ly information I am
Yours Very Truly
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