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Dear Brother:

Feeling a deep interest in your communications in the Wesleyan on the moral law of God leads me to address these few lines to you, and as I am a stranger, perhaps you will indulge me in a brief statement of my past experience. My father, Justus Byington, was converted under the labors of Lorenzo Dow, in Vermont, about the year 1800. He soon became a traveling preacher in the M. E. church, where he remained until the P.M. church was formed, with which he became connected, and remained until his death.

I was converted at the age of 18. Soon became a member of the M. E. church--for many years was a class leader and exhorter in the church--felt much interest in building meeting-houses, and parsonage houses, thinking that when this was accomplished religion would be prosperous. But being satisfied that this church, by her traditions and her Slavery, made the commandments of none effect, I sought a home in the Wesleyan Church. Here I have found many faithful and tried spirits. Some have gone to rest; others I hope will keep the narrow way, cost what it will.

For some time past, I have thought much of the word of prophecy concerning that man of sin, spoken of by Daniel and St. Paul which to a great extent has now become history. You have been particular in exposing the errors of Popery which relate to the three first items of the Decalogue---. . . .

However trying it may be to flesh and blood, when the word of God is brought to us, must we not obey it?

Respectfully yours,

John Byington

Buck's Bridge, N.Y., April 21, 1853.