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Dear Dr. Parmelee:-

I have your letter of January 12th reminding me that all the criticisms and suggestions that members of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction wish to make in regard to the Memorandum for Teachers on Religious and Moral Education were to be handed in to you not later than the 20th of January.

Let me frankly admit that until the meeting which I attended in December I had not given this question any consideration. I have read over the Memorandum several times and I do not like it. I do not think it should be published in the form in which it now is. I understand this course in Religious and Moral Education is given for the purpose of developing character, but I do not believe that we are going about it in the right way in asking teachers to read a few passages of scripture, giving their own interpretation thereof. I would be afraid that they would interpret these things too literally and that false impressions would be left in the minds of the children.

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I do not know what the other members of the Protestant Committee think about this course. I would not like to feel that I would be the only one objecting to it, but yet, frankly, I consider it needs a great deal more consideration. If it comes up for final ratification or otherwise at our next meeting I shall have to vote against it, although I realize it is an exceedingly important matter. I have not