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Dear Friend:

For some time we have been anticipating the purchasing of 400 new Methodist hymnals for use in our worship services. Some solicitation has been made by the members of the Harmony Circle, but at present money for only 115 hymnals has been contributed.

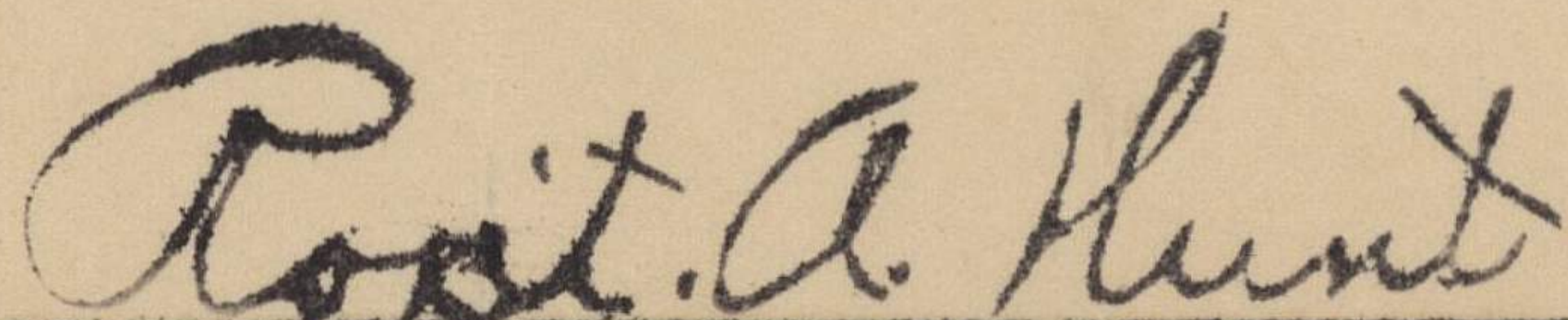
The simple plan we are using is this: We are asking members of the Church to buy one to ten of these books at \$1.00 each and give them to the Church. The donors may have these hymnals dedicated to any one they desire or merely have their own names inscribed within them as the personal contributors. Some have subscribed for five or ten copies each, and many others have given one or two. If you have not answered this call, will you come to Church on Sunday morning prepared to say how many hymn books you will purchase and present to the Church? It ought to be no trouble at all to secure a gift of 400 hymnals in a Church the size of ours, but the response so far has not been what we expected.

The present hymnal which we are using was published thirty-two years ago. The new book which we hope to buy has many of the newer hymns and in addition to this, the words appear between the music scores making the hymns more easily read. Last Sunday morning I saw a half dozen books being used by those in the front pews and every one of them had either one or both covers gone. There are a few good books left and these will be used by our young people's departments, and a few will be taken out to Haskell for our Methodist group there.

We will look for your voluntary contribution for hymn books on Sunday. After that the young women will continue their personal solicitation. If they come to see you, please give them a hearing and a subscription for one or more books. We are setting NOVEMBER 1 as the date upon which we hope to order the new books but we will not order them until we have the money to pay for them.

We shall appreciate your cooperation.

Most sincerely yours,


Minister