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Dear Collie: I noticed date pushed up again on the Journal/World. Well, this has gotten to be an annual affair for many years and "Strange as it may seem" We'd have been without a daily all that time had this not been so. and, you must know that in this way the Lord has made good in many ways. the many journeys made in behalf of the Kingdom made at our own charges. Not boasting for much more could have been received had I been in position to ~~accept~~ ^{accept} for when it was made known that concessions were made because it was known I tried to preach, I could not accept. In my estimation anything pertaining to the Kingdom must not be commercialized. Then to my position was different from any preacher I ever knew. I was conducting other things.

I must not underestimate what the brethren did do in ways I could accept; but after the car came into service, expenses were increased I drove 12,000 miles the first year 1917 when the tally broke; for several years the average drive was 70,000 miles. I've handled a good bit of money that belonged to the other fellow \$260,000 while treasured of our High School (15 yrs.) But you see it was not mine, I'm glad. I take no credit to myself the urge (call) I obeyed often when I knew and felt what it meant for the family to be left at home and because of that responsibility I never felt free to go. now that the good wife shows so many signs of age. I wonder if I did the right thing.