

Dayton, Ohio, January 3, 1912.

Rev. J. Howe,
Huntington, Ind.

Dear Brother:

I understand my manuscript to be in your hands, so I can order you to return it when I will. Perhaps it is one of Brother Mason's precipitate acts. Please hold it for me till further order. The plan was to publish what I have sent as a volume separate and independent of our Church History. Then would follow the History in two volumes. The Volume 1. would be be Lawrence's Church History, with Vol. 1. eliminated, of the History of vital religion, ~~left out~~ It would also abridge very much Lawrence's History of William Otterbein, while he was a German Reform minister, and regularly working for that Church. None can think I would take up and repeat ^{Part} ~~Chapter~~ Second, Chapter first on Mr. Otbein! at 123 page!!!

Volume 11. of the Church History would begin where Lawrence leaves off and constitute Volume 11. of the Church History.

That man does not understand the United Brethren Church who think that the History of Vital religion, previous to the United Brethren in Christ is too trivial for us to publish. Nor is he well balanced who thinks that vital religion was not the wave that uplifted the United Brethren in Christ. But it is not really the history of our Church Organization. Probably any who suggests its omission have not given much thought to the subject.

Now, I am somewhat independent. I can publish what I want to publish, and the church can publish what its Establishment wants to publish. I will risk mine getting the public ear. Theirs will also.

Your brother,

Milton Wright