

~~Wesston~~ Hesston, Kans., July 18, 1930.

To the Brethren in Charge:

Some years ago I yielded to temptation, and for which I alone am to blame, fell into the sin of fornication. I made ^{with my daughter} confession to the two persons who then had any knowledge of the transgression, was forgiven and the matter settled. During a siege of penitence in which I suffered the agonies of a personal crucifixion I received peace and pardon from a merciful God. I then went before our church council, confessed that I had not lived as I should and asked for pardon and forbearance, without mentioning any particular sin. Taking all into consideration I felt I had met the requirements of Scripture and my conscience and enjoyed the blessings of my Savior and the church.

Now, after ten years, I learn that this matter is more widely known, and I feel I owe an open confession. I am willing to make this before the bishops, the ministerial body, the church council or the open meeting. Or am willing to reduce to writing and allow it to be read. Since I have given details to two bishops and a minister, the facts are not hidden. As a further retribution and restitution, I am willing to ^{lay} down any or all of my offices, temporarily or permanently, and withdraw from the work and the community.

and report on my status
I make no plea for myself other than I crave the pardon and forbearance of my dear brethren as I have received from my Lord. And that the cause and the innocent persons (of which my dear wife is one) be given full consideration and not be subjected to more publicity and humiliation than necessary. I beg an interest in your prayers.

Humbly yours.

My Confession

I openly confess the guilt of this grievous sin. As I now see it, in my ardent desire to save the cause, I missed it in judgment in dealing with the case. I should have consulted with other church leaders, For all my errors I humbly beg the forgiveness of the church and all who are affected by my transgression.