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Boston, Dec. 30, 1847.

My dear Bro.

I send you with this an article (in Zion's Herald) on the property question. It has met with a very general opposition this way - I want your private and thorough opinion on it. It seems to me that we can never adjust the difficulty on any plan which will require a division of the property or recognition of the South as a Christian organization or relations of brotherhood with them. The question then becomes peculiarly difficult. Yet we all, this way, unite in the sentiment you have expressed in the Western Advocate to avoid them a portion of the property if we can without sacrifice of principle. Please read this article and let me know your opinions on it. Please write me early. We should be deciding this question at the Gen. Conf. is not far off.

Yours &c.

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