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Letter to Bishop Bedell`

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Car. Aug. 27, /62

My dear Bishop-

I have two letters of yours to answer - which came yesterday & today - I begin with the former. In regard to Dr. Goodwin's statement may be the truth as to his being on the war. I think a portion of our little work & so good an income from it - in Philadelphia is an improving preparation for our Presidency - so that I should be afraid of inducing to accept it even if that were possible, by force of persuasion - I should fear the disappointment & the looking at things past & relinquished - in other words that he would not be satisfied & would not bring much

heart & energy to the place.

On the whole my idea is that we have gone far enough in that direction - should be healthy & spontaneously accept. I should be glad - not otherwise.

Dr Lathrop's eye I do not know. But nothing has been done in that direction but seek information & I have no reason to suppose that he knows any thing about it.

I think well of the idea of another - I like to take hold of a young man old enough to have got experience & discretion & young enough to have life & vigor & enterprise & progressiveness - as well with regard to himself as his College. Go on with that idea.

Do you really suppose George Strong would do to succeed Dr Smith? I differ entirely. He lacks

the theological. He has always been considered by those who know him before he began his career - detached as lacking strength of character. But he is too young in years, in the ministry, in standing. The idea would be very much considered at where he was known in Ohio, before he went Alex^a.

I think the resignation of Dr Smith might be brought about by kind representations to his wife.

I cannot now enter into the question of arrangements to retain Mr Whiston - except to say that I hope we can & shall retain him. But let nothing be done to make our retention of ^{Chapman} uncertain. I have a great sense of his value - a graduate of the College with attainment in Classics, or devoted

to instruction in them, so fond
of the college - so zealous to advance
the young men - so likely himself
to grow a great deal - so popular
with his pupils - so successful - &
having so much of life probably
yet to use in the service -

About Christ Ch. I did open my
my fond fully to Ester, Anderson
Shoenberger, Storer, Bishop & Probasco,
separately - about Schuyler - They
knew precisely how I should feel
if he were called - & yet it was
after that, that Shoenberger &
Probasco called to talk with
me about their having voted to
call Grammer - & that was that
it was ascertained that I should
be declined, I would be unwise -

I was called for by Mr Bishop
 who had strenuously opposed the
 thing had said he would not
 stand out against the vote. I
 then expressed great astonishment
 regret & pain - I suppose it was
 that which made Perkins say
 what he did to you - for I was led
 to suppose the vote would be
 unanimous if Grammar should
 decline - Even Storer now talks
 as if he had become very tolerant
 of Church differences - & quite
 ready to take made as changes -
 That Church is in a most sad
 state & will go to pieces if a
 good man is not got soon -
 It is now shut up entirely -
 Now for the second letter - that
 rec'd to-day -
 I am truly glad for the ac-

acceptance by Bancroft. I am
much pleased with his letter.
He should take the whole Professorship.
I will write to Dr. Waring. But no
public mention should be made
of it till we have his sanction.
His feelings must be consulted.
You have my full authori-
zation of what you have done
in his appointment. My idea
was not that should take the
half-Professorship - but the whole
as Dr. W. has had - I write with
it to the Rectorship - or some other
teaching duty - as I question whether
Ecol. Hist. is enough for our
whole time. We must still
pay Dr. Waring as agent - which takes
a large part of the support he has
had - & little is left from that quarter
for the Professorship. The idea you know
was that in case the new Prof. should
depend on that office alone for support

some extra support means should
be obtained - & you thought they
would do that in N. Y.

Had we not better call the
Trustees to meet in Chambers at
the time of the Missions Committee
or the day after?

Your idea of lectures from me
is too new to me to allow me
to say any thing about it
now - especially I am not
prepared to authorize any publica-
-tion of promise to that effect.

Mr. Holcomb lets of St. Pauls
is I believe going to St. Pauls
Chambers. Perhaps they count on
the Missions - stipend which has been
given elsewhere - see to the pay-
of that by the Miss. Com. in N. Y.
Charles of Portsmouth writes that
in consequence of feeble support
he thinks of an Army Chaplaincy -

You asked me to write you
when Paul should apply for
a letter of transfer - I have his
application to-day - He is engaged
in M^{rs}. work in connection with
Christ's Ch. Germantown Phil^a.

He says the immediate cause of
his relinquishing his work here
was the difficulty in getting the
promises of pecuniary support ful-
filled - & complied with that
he says that before he went to
it & got the impression from
your correspondence that the
M^{rs}. Board as he calls the
Committee assumed the whole
responsibility of the delay - Before
I give him a letter I will wait
to hear from you -

I think I will call the Trustees
to meet at the time of the
Mif. Committee - I moreover
think it would not be well
to make any public mention
of Bancroft until that meeting
shall have acted on it & on
his delay -

I am better today - but
still walk halting & I am
getting back my voice which
debility has considerably interfered
with. I'm glad you stand
the summer so well - Did
you see the extract in the
Christian Times of last week
from an article in the London
Record speaking of Archbp Hughes
w^o need I say self - & drawing
a contrast between the part of
the other - I'm glad as it

is the only English notice
of our work & is complimentary
to me & myself - I once
felt desirous that his countrymen
should know how his work
was so delicately & so finely
extended abroad, I should be
glad if you could get so
much of that as refers to
me & me copied into a
N.Y. paper - The Times or
The World.

If it is done, it should be
credited not to "The Record", which
will not be intelligible, but to
the London Record.

Affectionate remembrance
to Mrs B.

Yours affectionately
Chas. P. McManis.

How would Morrell of Memphis do
for Mr. Johnson?