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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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My dear Bishop -

I have to write with my paper on
my lap, as I can not sit to a table, my
old ailings being again in force. I have
received several letters from you the last about
Chapman -

I see no merit of calling the Master.
I do not desire his resignation, but the
contrary & yet I can not consent to
pay any salary beyond the present
month - or at most half salary to end
of this term. The question lies between
providing a substitute & the other officer
at increased pay taking his duties -
As to the former, probably it would be
best, if a suitable person can be obtained.

on so short a notice & such a temporary
posting. It may be necessary to take the
latter plan - but I do not know who
could be obtained, outside of the
present office. I beg to leave the
further consideration of the matter
under the above limitations to you.
I have admitted Davis - Hodgson
from whom I heard yesterday, writes
that not hearing for so long a time
he had given up the hope of being
accepted & is now in secular em-
ployment from which he cannot
disengage himself. I doubt the ex-
pediency of encouraging Dr. Cornell -
He is too much bent on a year's course.
I wrote Watson for a private opinion of him.

he submits himself to my direction.
I ask what I would advise - There
I am at a loss - You will see how
far I have got - In one of your
letters you indicate an inquiry
going on about the case - Perhaps
you have got some more light -
I shall wait to hear from you
again - What, in case I should
think it best not now to accept,
can you think of an advice to
him & as a middle step between
present non-acceptance & entire
rejection? We had told the Thaw
yesterday about two feet of
snow here - It is now rapidly passing

away.

Yours affectionately
C. P. M.

Kimball has written of his
resignation to take effect in April. I
fear there was some influence
in the party helping it. He is
a good & valuable man. Can
we not keep him?

While writing the above your letter
re W. Lang into about Dorris has
been recd. I hope you will see & talk
with Kendrick. I quite intend to
take \$100 for the Arkland Co.

He answers that, he thinks him a
man of special adaptation & of too
little energy to be used without a full
course in the Sem. I suppose some
will decline, though I have nothing
from him since you were here. I
want you to get all you can about
Living, Wiley & Potter. If Irving would
accept - is he not the man. I fear
Potter would decline. An Admission
Tractor Dyer would do well. As to
H. C. Elree, I have given him no dispo-
sition. He never applied for any.
I am still in doubt about Kendrick.
He has answered my enquiries in a
very acceptable spirit, entirely clearing
up the matter of worship &c. at
Portsmouth. I enclose his second

letter & one also from Dr. Burr Boyd,
whose letter in consequence of his selective
position I must treat quite as private,
says that he signed his testimonials not
without misgiving - that he has always
feared his want of personal purity &
that his companions have supposed
his motives were worldly & selfish.
In picking the minority - At the
same time he says, nothing has ever
been alleged against his morals.
His conversation with Mr Bancroft
this letter which I enclose indicates
a better state of mind - Whether
it is sufficiently hopeful, in view of
the past, which shows instability of
character, to warrant acceptance
is now the question - You will observe