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Dear Jordan:

Your letter struck me "all of a heap". The thought is so new that the answer is slow in coming. I appreciate the check it would give to my Botany; at the same time I feel the force of your statement with regard to a "wider influence", & especially the chance it would offer to do some great thing for education in general & scientific education in particular. My ideal university has not been wrought out in this western country yet, but the force we could concentrate would make a power that could be felt.

While "at first blush" not averse to this novel sensation I don't know how it will wear, & perhaps after all there

will be no need to decide. Therefore
provisionally answering your question in
the affirmative, I would ask.

1. When will the election take place?
2. When will the elected be expected to
enter upon his duties?
3. What is his salary & perquisites?

Yr. very sincerely

Jno. M. Coulter.

I write the above thus freely, accepting
your proposition to make it Confidential.