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Richmond, Ind., May 10th 1886

My dear Dr. Jordan:

Your letter of the 8th inst. with enclosures was duly received. I have returned ^{to} Mr. Eggers his testimonials, adding by mistake Dr. Parker's letter. I regret very much having made this blunder and if you think it best, I will write to Mr. P. and request him to return it to you, if he does not do it of his own accord. I think there was nothing in the letter that you would wish to keep from him; still the letter was not intended for him and I ^{wish} have to apologize to you for my carelessness.

Mr. Jonas will hardly do for the position. Of the other three Mr. Eggers certainly seems to be the strongest man. I gather from his testimonials that he is a man of very decided tastes, methods, and bent of character. I am inclined to think that such a man would be much more in his place in the position which he holds now or the one for which he was re-

commended in these testimonials than in the one
for which we should want him. It will not do for
me to forget that as long as I am in charge of the
dept. and am responsible for the work, I must be
able to guide the persons that assist me, and I should
hardly consider myself strong enough to keep up such
a relation toward a man who is considerably older
and has had about 5 times ^{more} ~~as much~~ experience
in teaching than I have had. If I knew him well
and knew that he and I would agree well, with one
another, I could not wish for a better associate, but
if we should at all disagree, it might be very
disastrous to the work of the department, it would
in that case be much better that I should be Mr. Eggers'
assistant, than be mine. Still he would be in many
respects an excellent acquisition, and if the choice
of you and the Board should fall upon him, I should,
in view of his evidently excellent ^{qualities} ~~characteristics~~, ex-
~~pect~~ be satisfied and should endeavour to establish
the most friendly relations with him.

Dr. Schilling has the advantage of being a university
man, a point which cannot be ignored. Moreover

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the fact of his having taught in England and in Paris, and now coming to this country testifies to his being enterprising and wide-awake, and, I expect, more pliable than a public-school-man like Mr. Eggers. I think it would be worth while to find out what Prof. Elliott thinks of him by this time. As Prof. Garner had ~~written~~ Elliott's letter concerning Schilling was addressed to Prof. Garner, it would perhaps be better that either you or he should write to him again than I.

I must confess that I am somewhat disappointed in Burnet's letter. I expected that he would give us a more satisfactory account of himself. It would perhaps be best for him to stay in Germany another year.

I shall be satisfied with either one of the three, Eggers, Schilling, or Burnet. My apprehensions concerning Eggers may be groundless, and on the other hand, I think if Burnet should be selected, ~~his lack~~ the work could be so arranged, that his lack of "snap" which is very evident ~~from~~ his letter, would cause no serious trouble.

If you think that Eggers and I would harmonize, I should favor his appointment, but if Schilling is the man I should imagine him to be from the little I know of him, I think he would be the best candidate "all around".

I hope Prof. Anderson will not fail to come to Richmond; I think whatever may be the outcome of the matter in question it will be an advantage to both of us to know each other.

My wife and I have been talking about taking the Ballantine house, but we do not feel that we can to-day give a definite reply.

Yours very sincerely

Hans C. G. von Sagenmann.