

Warrington April 16th 1899

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 27th was duly recd. Since its reception I have met with an affliction which seems to have taken from life half its interest. I refer to Mrs Brady who died on the 1st inst & to whom I felt a fraternal - perhaps more than a fraternal attachment. But it was pure. She was a most accomplished woman. I will send you an Obituary notice published in the last Reporter. On Sabbath evening I preached her funeral sermon - in the Presbyterian meeting house, which was crowded on the occasion. Though on the late election the vote was nearly two to one against me. That matter resulted as I expected, though not precisely as I expected, for I supposed that the majority would have been on the other side. I think, however, I gave a particular account of the matter in a late letter to W Scott, which doubtless you have seen.

I shall not be able to reach Bloomington before fall. Mrs W. who has been lately confined would not submit sooner to the Larrapine & fatigue attending a removal. I expect therefore to spend the summer to the Eastward inspecting the policy of the Yankees in relation to schools & colleges. Today I have returned from an adjourned pro re nata meeting of the Board of Directors

of the Western T. Seminary. Things have been
duly confused there. Laneway re crosses the
mountains full of ire against the clergy of Pitts-
burg & vicinity. They in turn, abuse him, plenti-
fully. "Tantaene animis caelestibus irae"! The lawyers
& other prophane wretches in Pittsburg seems to
feel reluctant that I should leave this region &
some of them proposed to me a sphere of action
there from which I should probably realize not
less than \$3.000 per annum. But I am deter-
mined to go to Bloomington — though in spite
of me it still looks to my eye like a region of
desolation or something worse. The fact is, I am
afraid of the west. It is unkly generally speak-
ing — & generally speaking — inter nos — filled
with yahoos. You & Scott & Dr V in L O L
are exceptions & a few more probably. But I'm
afraid they'll roast & eat me yet. Nevertheless
I shall not look back having put my hand
to the plough. I must, as Bonaparte used to say,
accomplish my destiny.

I thank you most sincerely for your kind wishes
for my "usefulness & happiness" & for all the de-
monstrations of your friendly concern. The latter
is not my object. Long since has the dream of
happiness here below ceased to impose upon
my imagination. I desire not to be useless, & trust
by the goodness & grace of God I shall not be. Yet

my prospects of usefulness at B. are not so flat-
tering I think as you conceive them to be. On this
subject however I shall pester you nor myself no more.
I am resolved to go & do what I can. I have an
offer from Col.^c Wood to exchange my property
here for land in the vicinity of B. Probably
I shall accept the offer. Otherwise my house
& other property here will likely go to wreck.

The college will probably see an interregnum.
They have elected Stockton to college & congregation
13 in the opposition. I do not think he will
accept. Nor will they get any one but one
whom Dr Brown will please to appoint or re-
commend; because he can at anytime raise suf-
ficient opposition to deter any stranger from
accepting. It is really one of the greatest mysteries
I have ever met with how that man succeed in
the course that he has pursued. I shall probably
start about the 6 of May Eastward. If you have
any communication after that time to make
me, direct to Philadelphia.

Give my respects to all your friends, & be as-
sured that I reciprocate cordially the senti-
ments of friendship & regard contained in your
last. I hope the affair about Annan may
pass off harmless. You were placed in a most
delicate situation, one in which it was not in
the nature of things that you should angust
yourself to the satisfaction of every one. My confidence
in you remains undiminished; though I should like to hear

you on certain topics which I intend to present
to you. I will see the next time I see you; that I may
be able more fully to vindicate your course to others.

Yours sincerely

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