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Very Dear Uncle:

Yours of the 15th is just received. Towards you & yours I feel a very strong & sincere regard made up of the affections, in part, I acknowledge, belonging to kindred, but of other elements which no consideration of this kind could produce. Suppose it to say that the occasional intercourse which has subsisted between us has produced, on my part, feelings of a moral character which, I trust, are more deep & abiding than what the world calls friendship. This is one reason why I have not written in a more urgent & sanguine style respecting the matter of Thophilus' appointment: for I feared lest the anticipated pleasure of having him associated with me in the Faculty of this college, might beguile me into the folly, which fondness often commits, of injuring its object. Now, if I thought, either that Thophilus was not qualified for the place, or that the place would not be worthy of his qualifications, I should fear to hold out inducements. But, though in both respects, I feel in danger of being biassed by my feelings & wishes, yet I can give you the data without coloring & so leave it for you & him to act according to your judgment. Here they are. First, as to the Reformed Pbn church: it is small, & retired from the world. It may grow by accessions from the South & other causes. No doubt it would allow Thophilus on account of his youth, or to preach only as often as he himself should think best. Then as to the college: the situation of things is this. Its productive funds independent of tuition are upwards of \$60,000. & when its lands are sold will amount to twice that sum. Its popularity, & course of studies, you will learn from the Catalogue which I send you by the present mail. The Faculty has never yet been a full team, as you'll see by the Catalogue. Mr Elliott & D. Maxwell (vide Catalogue) have lately left us for the El Dorado of the South. The Methodists who are a strong band in the State, & considerably so in the Board of Trustees, have long wished to have at least

one of their body in the Faculty: & I have written to a
Mr Ruter of Allegheny College Meadville son of Dr.
Ruter, at their suggestion, but have not yet received
an answer. But should young Ruter come his ac-
ceptance will not interfere with Theophilus, who
if he prefers a professorship of Pure Mathematics
can have it, or if one of Mixed Mathematics
can have that. By an inspection of the catalogue
you will see that besides these two a third will
be desirable made up of some of the studies (vide cata-
logue) now assigned to me, & some other branches
Besides all this we have it in contemplation to
endow a fourth professorship, of Language, in
which the professor might take Greek & He-
brew or Latin & French. We have in short
but one professor now in college, (Beaumont
Park, a Yankee who will concur in any ar-
rangement which I shall propose) so that Theoph-
ilus might cut out of the Course of Studies
whatever almost he pleased. I have become^{so} at-
tached to Mental & Moral Philosophy & Rhetoric
that it would cost me some regret to part with
either of them: any other of my studies (vide cata-
logue) I would willingly yield to a rather than be
my supplement for me. We have no prescribed
hours which any professor is required to spend in
college: it is expected each professor will do the best
he can for his department & he is left pretty
much to his own choice as to the best means
of accomplishing his purpose. as to hours, text-
books, &c &c — As to salary 1000 dollars will
probably be the sum: possibly however it may be
for a year or two but 800. Professor Elliott left us
on account of a greater salary at Clinton Mass. & of-
fered him & the presidency too of their paper college
— the salary said to be 3500 dollars. But the trustees
here would have raised his salary had they been entirely
pleased with the man. As to the power of accom-

plishing the object, the matter stands thus. The Board of
Trustees meet but once a year. Their next meeting will be
in Sept next (vide Cat.^c) The resignation of Elliott & Mos-
well took place since the last annual meeting. In the
interval it devolves on me to supply their places, which
I have done by pro tem. appointments to expire when-
ever permanent appointments can be made. By charter
I have the power of calling the Board to meet at any
time. My policy is not to call a meeting till the candidates
are in view. There is an understanding between the
Board, (i.e. a majority - those in the majority being in-
formally convened & consulted for the purpose) & my-
self that enquiry be extensively made for three
professors. Now it is possible that my recommenda-
tion may not prevail in every case with the Board
But the past has shown that they do not want
confidence in me, & unless some strange
thing should turn up, I have no doubt in being
able to secure Theophilus' election with a salary of
I think \$1000 at any rate \$800 to such professor-
ship as he himself with your counsel, may
choose. — If it should be thought best for him
to pay us a visit & see the country before allowing him-
self to be proposed as candidate let him do so, & the
sooner the better - if not, & he consents to become a can-
didate let him procure from the Officers of the University
or others the requisite testimonials & transmit them to me.
The pro tem. incumbent here might do for the chair of Pure
Math.^s & if Theophilus would take the chair of mixed Math.^s
things would be more easily managed than otherwise.
Should a third person offer for the remaining vacancy
as soon as Theophilus is prepared to propose his name
I will call a Board - or may do so whether a third per-
son offers or not. I shall if all things are such at the
time as to allow it attend the Gen. Assembly in May not
perhaps as a commissioner - for in the present civil
war I am a non combatant - but to prosecute my appeal.
I think what I hate but can't help - so I hope to bring
Theophilus with me on my return as professor elect: but I
would prefer the thing should be brought about sooner.

I have written the above in great haste being engaged
in preparing a discourse to be delivered at Indianapolis the

Your sincere friend
 & affectionate nephew
 Amy

Care of the

Mr. Lloyd
New York.

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