

Concennati. 12th Sept 1837

Dear Sir,

I wish to renew my entreaty, if you please that you would come and aid us at our next "College of Teachers" which meets on the 2^d of Oct in this city.

The Catholics Unitarians Infidels "et id genus omne" are rallying, and combining ~~their~~ their forces to oppose "domestic education," and the use of the bible, in schools.

It will no longer do, to say that this association is powerless, and therefore harmless. It has great power, and excites intense interest in the community; and its publications, both annual and monthly are likely to give tone to public sentiment on all subjects connected with Education. There are few men of much talent connected with its effrauent committees; but some of them are fellows of untiring industry, capital at the oar - but unfit to man the helm. Now if men of influence and weight of character stand back, these misdoers will, both of their own choice, and from the necessity of the case, take the lead - and the whole thus be characterized by their dullness and stupidity - a result by which we shall all suffer - as well as the cause of literature and instruction be disgraced.

In addition then, to all the gratification which a visit from ^{you} would give your friends in this city, and especially to myself and family, you might accomplish much good by delivering, during the sessions of the "College" your views on domestic education, either as a discourse or as remarks on a report, or on a resolution, or in any other way you might prefer.

I cannot allow myself to doubt, but that you will favour us with a visit of a week from and after the 1st of Oct. Yes, and I'll make an appointment for you next Sabbath, to lecture for "President McGuffey" - bah! - on "Sabbath the 1st of Oct. at 9 o'clock in the Chapel of Cenacoth College! I am in earnest!

The are all well, and our prospects better than could have been anticipated. This is the 6th day of our session, and we number 120 boys - the house has been already able to form our four regular classes.

Give our compliments to your family and all our friends - I wish to remind my young friend Theophilus Thyer of his promise I believe it was - to be with us, and to bring his colleagues all to the meeting of the Col of Teachers.

I subscribe myself, as ever, your friend &c
Thos. McGuffey

Rev A Thyer

P. S. Permit me to recommend to the notice of your Board Mr. Chester - brother to the Editor of the I. & L. as a candidate for the professorship of Math^s. Mr Chester has the highest testimonials of scholarship in that department, from Prof Olmsted and others, competent to judge. He has I believe acted as Editor of the paper above alluded to, in the absence of his brother.

If you have not made up your minds as to your man for that department, I hope Mr C. will receive the consideration which his papers entitle him to, on the part of the guardians of your institution. He is an actually pious man.

P. S. 2^d Gossip etc Yesterday morning at 1/2 past 8 A.M. departed from a state of single-blessedness, Rev J. A. Mills - son of the late Judge Mills of Ky - in company with Miss Haldah M. Garly of this neighbourhood by the hand of Thos H. McGuffey -

P. S. 3^d - Gossip 2^d ~~Rev President~~ Rev "Rev R. H. Bishop - President, and Professor of the Evidences of Christianity, Mental* and Moral Philosophy & the Philosophy of social Relations!"

Rev J. McArthur M.A. Prof of Greek literature and the Elements of *Intellectual Philosophy
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