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Dr Gray.

If you get but few letters from us, do not think we forget you but only that we are busy. I am particularly so. Dadd & Mary have come back from Spain to which they had removed — not being pleased with things & prospects there. Mary is still in ill-health. They talk of going up to Pennsylvania. If they go — for it is yet doubtful — Eliza will probably go with them.

As to the University I cannot say very confidently. Arminien proves to be a most efficient teacher. If Morrison who will be here in the fall should do his part as well the Faculty will be second to none this side Yale. Foster seems to be sunk — though still not so low as he ought & would were the community high toned in their

feelings - He introduced among his
charges one too atrocious to mention:
it related to William & aimed at
fixing a black stain on his memory.
Bennet was summoned to prove the
unutterable thing - but did not give
testimony. The committee having voted
to adjourn to meet again the week be-
fore the meeting of the Board. In
this matter my patience has been
severely tried & I have need to pray
"lead me not into temptation" - that
of doing to Foster what, for my own sake
I ought not.

I receive letters from Columbia M.^o
from which as well as from other sources
I suppose that they will elect me to the
presidency of the University to be established
there. But I do not much fancy the
idea of another removal - especially west-
ward. There are many signs of the tide
turning in my favor in this State. But
there is no dependence to be put in what
we call tides of popular favor - nor indeed

in man in any shape.

I find it difficult to get money - so, if my pamphlets are sold, I wish you to take the money & with it pay Fetter. I hope to be able shortly to pay him off entirely. Mary's journey will cost me something, & there are many ways to lose away, & but one to bring in money. You will have to be frugal & depend on yourself chiefly. - We expect to receive the Equator shortly under better auspices, I trust.

A periodical is I think indispensable to us. - The family are in tolerably good health. John has had a slight chill & seems what the Irish people call "dony". Dr Leathman wrote me lately. He still has some notion of removing to Missouri.

Give my best respects to Mr & Mrs Miller & Bayless & family. Show respect to the latter they have always been our friends. Of the former I need say nothing. Render yourself as useful as you can. Show vice & the vicious: cultivate the virtues & piety. Study the Bible & pray to God to direct you.