

March 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Brethren

The death of Dr. Ryers having rendered it impossible, to complete the desired arrangement, for a "Joint Pastorate" of the Second Presbyterian Church, in connexion with the College - I have interpreted my relation to the Congregation, as that of a "Stated Supply", under the first invitation by the Session. The loss of our Church & the failure to secure any place of united worship - seem to render the continuance of that relation, at least - Superfluous; & I have felt it proper to say to my Brethren, that I consider <sup>it</sup> as having, virtually, ceased, from the period of the fire, which consumed our Building & dispersed our Congregation. While, therefore, I can never cease to feel the deepest interest in the welfare of the People to whom, in the Providence of God - I have been called to minister; the interests of the Congregation, are, in my judge-

ment, exclusively, & appropriately committed  
to their own chosen Officers, under the  
Great head of the Church. Any service that  
I can render, hereafter, will be cheerfully, &  
gladly, performed without any expecta-  
tion, or desire of pecuniary reward, & sim-  
ply as a Christian Minister interested in  
the cause of our Common Master.

With a grateful acknowledgement  
of your uniform kindness, during our  
brief conjugal sojourn—

Very affectionately  
and truly,

Yrs S. W. Green