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Rev. Dr. Edwards,

My dear Brother,

When your letter of the 6th inst. reached me I was confined to my bed by a very severe attack of nose bleeding in which I lost two quarts of blood. Yesterday morning I got up, though very weak. This morning I rode up to the Seminary - two miles off - & returned none the worse for the effort of going & giving two lectures. So that, minus my lame foot, I am quite myself again. I cannot yet wear even a slipper on the injured extremity though more than four months have elapsed since the accident. The Dr. says I will not get over it till the warm weather sets in -

In regard to the contents of your letter I would say in reply (a), that I think it is a settled thing that Dr. Marquis will

be elected & will accept the chair of N. T. Greek.
The reasons for this choice seem insuperable,
and I am sure he will largely add to the
strength of our Institution in all this region.

(b) I share your feelings in regard to Dr.
Waifield & Kellagg - Dr. W. made a great
mistake in the art. on Inspiration, though I
think it did not much affect his general rep-
utation as the subject did not come up for
discussion. But his article in the Pres. Review
weakened him in the direction of which you
speak - and his bold dogmatic rejection of the
last twelve verses of Mark's Gospel was exceedingly
rash & without reason or sense. I understand
that he will have a sort of recovering notice
of Dr. Briggs long paper in this week's Liberator.
He needs to do all he can to redeem himself.
As to Dr. Kellagg, if he cannot defend his
pre-millennarianism better than he did in
the Review he must lie open to severe criti-
cism even among his students.

(c) Should your sons determine to come
to Chicago for their last year they would

receive a most cordial welcome. In Homi-
lectics I do not think a more competent
& interesting teacher than Dr. Johnson exists
in our Seminars. He is a strong & outspoken
Calvinist - and if his own preaching may
be taken as an index of his teaching he will
do much in raising up a vigorous healthy
& doctrinal style of ministers. My admiration
& love for Dr. Craig is unabated, and Tutor Curtis
is certainly a thorough drill master in his
department of Hebrew. As for myself, you
know me as well as any body, and I need
say nothing.

There are too many
opportunities for preaching in this region
for the good of the students. We allow the
Seniors more liberty in this line than we do
the middlers & they must earn quite a con-
siderable sum in the course of the year. The
Board here is three dollars & a half per week
for the term of seven months which leaves
at least one hundred dollars out of our
promised supply for other expenses - coal,
books &c. With what the Seniors can they

preaching they cannot come short for any-
thing. Our outlook for next September
is exceedingly encouraging. We have already
heard from some thirteen or fifteen who
express a desire to come to us. We had
seventeen new students last year, but
they were all unknown to us at this period
in the season. Our friends are all in ex-
cellent spirits and our students seem
enthusiastic for our prosperity.

Morris has not ^{yet} met the challenge of
the Presbyterian Banner, and he must
suffer if he remains silent.

I believe I have answered the points
in your letter. Please say nothing about
Dr. Marquis for the present.

The memory of your faithful & able
management of the McCune case in
the Pittsburg Assembly is ever a refresh-
ment and a seal of my friendship
for you - Good bye -

Yours very affectionately

Thomas H. Skinner

What a grandful overflow of the Ohio river you
have in C. There was never anything to equal it -
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