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WASHINGTON, D. C., At Hotel Lexington,

Los Angeles, Cal., until May 20th,

May 11th, 1904.

Rev. Albert Osborn,

American University,

1419 F, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Osborn:-

I beg to acknowledge yours of May 4th.

For the sake of the children, I am rejoiced that the sale of the books at New York was so successful. Some of the prices which you mentioned were certainly very fine.

It will be increasingly manifested as the years pass, that it was a great mistake for the American University not to have had that Library. Some one should have been raised up to have made such a consummation possible. Valuable as it is now, fifty years from now, when we have grown into something I trust, and shall need such a Library, it will be valued at three times its present worth. For the sake of our dear founder, whom we all love, I wish we had his Library.

I have not the time now to tell you about the beauties of this part of the world. It is far beyond my expectations. Last Sunday, which I spend with an Aunt and a Cousin in Pasadena, whom I had not seen for thirty years, was a red letter day

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in my experience.

I believe Pasadena to be one of the most beautiful towns in the world. Rose bushes by the millions. Climbing roses and flowers of brilliant hue covering the houses, climbing the trees and fences and filling the side walks. This is certainly the next door to Heaven, and if Mohammed ^{could} only enter Paradise but once, and from some surrounding mountain top ^{had caught} could ~~get~~ a view of this valley and its beauties, I think he would have turned quickly away lest the visit to this Paradise might have excluded him from the other.

The pot is beginning to boil. Dr. Bridgman, the Chairman of the Education Committee, is a bitter enemy, although he used to profess friendship when he was currying favor with Bishop Hurst to secure the appointment ~~as~~ Delegate to the Eccumenical Conference.

The Educational committee is composed largely of educators, among them many college Presidents. The Sub-Committee of seven, which Dr. Bridgman appointed, were all against the American University.

Beiler, Carroll, and Guttridge were on the committee, but he did not appoint any of them. Carroll and Nicholson, who are with us, both representing the Baltimore Conference in the

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bounds of which the University is situated, were left off the
Committee. All of these things sho^w the venom of the opposition.
The Sub-Committee will likely report Thursday.

Dr. Carroll appeared before them yesterday with all the
facts I had given him, but found no sympathy. Our only hope
is with the General Conference. The Committee, packed as it is,
will adopt the report of the Sub-Committee, which will be in
favor of the College Presidents Memorial.

I am working with individual men and Delegations and
have others at it. It keeps me going night and day.

Our friends in the Committee, will ofcourse bring in a
minority report, but we will fight it to the the last, and if we
go down, you will find us with our banners still flying.

Have not had a chance to ask Bishop Moore yet how he
liked the baby. I saw him and had quite a chat with him, but
it was before your letter came. Glad you have having good
weather. Take a peep at my folks ocassionally and try to cheer
them up. I seem to be the only man here without his wife.

Our friend, W. W. Martin is here. I have not spoken to
him and do not intend to if I can help it. He has, by his
course, forfeited all claim to my confidence and friendship, and
I feel that he is here to work against us and do all he possibly

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can to thwart our plans, which seems so strange after his
identification with the University, in the capacity of a paid
officer.

Give my best love to ^hJene and all the family. Write me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Davidson

Spent an hour with Sub-Committee
last night. I think I made a
good impression but I have no
hope that I quite won them.
We may get the restrictions, as
a last resort down to a million
or two.