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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19th, 1904.

Rev. Albert Osborn,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Osborn:-

I expect your paper of to-day will bring you the intelligence that Dr. Berry was the only man elected on the first ballot, having more than forty votes to spare. It was a great triumph for him, and while he is not a great preacher, he is a very brotherly fellow and a good friend of ours. I guess that his magnanimous retirement four years ago entitled him to what he got yesterday.

Spellmyer was within seven votes and McDowell not very far behind. Another vote was taken at five oclock, and while the tellers were sworn to secrecy, it has leaked out that Spellmyer and McDowell are both elected.

Bashford will be the next man; then it is hard to tell. R. J. Cook, backed by the South, is showing some strength, but I hardly fancy enough to land him. *I don't think him big enough.* I hardly think either that Neely or Day can muster enough votes to get in. I won't be very sorry if Day is not elected and Neely is a cold blooded fellow that I don't care very much for either.

Jennings, Luther Wilson, George P. Eckman, all have a fighting chance, and out of this number, the rest are likely to be selected, although there is a good chance now for dark horses.

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I wish Luther Wilson might make it. I hope the education-
al committee to-day will settle our matter and releave me of my
burdens. I think we shall get relief. ^{By lower amount.} As soon as the matter
is settled I want to start home. I am home sick to see you all.

Thank you for the papers which you send me, also ^{carefully}
have copy of Browne's letter to Bishop Goodsell. Success to
the George Washington University. Do not let Mr. Chew's sickness
prevent your getting check for taxes before the month expires.
Mr. Glover will care for it then.

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Davidson.

Luther Wilson climbing - I think he will
land it. A nasty report ^{without foundation}
started tonight that he said in Temperance
Committee that no man could be a
Christian and vote either the Republican
or Democratic ticket. I don't believe it
did but it hurts. The surprise of the day
was the election of Bunt - have heard him
mentioned until three days ago. He is a nice
good fellow I guess, but ~~no vote in~~
Educational Committee. Sub Com stood for \$5,000,000
Canada substituted to take me off - day to make it
2,000,000 Board to hear all with Trustees, Bishops
and University Senate - what a packed jury - meet tonight
(over)

I think the 2000 may come although I
vote me he would stand for 100000 but
went back on it. I think that is best the
Committee will do. May Spring Substitute
of 100000 when what comes to Conference
will keep them off their feet. I think
I must not file of Conference are with
us for relief. We have some mighty
work - I'm to all.

Yours
Wm L. Dawson

Very sincerely yours,

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