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Dear Sir and Bro-: Your letter of

recent date received. I have made this subject an object of earnest prayer, and trust that Divine providence will direct us all in the right way. I desire only to labor where I can do the most good, and in all things I seek to know and do the will of God. This has been my object in life, and I am glad to know that up to the present, I realize that our heavenly Father has guided and directed me, and in this very important matter, I want to know that whatever position (if any) I hold in this American University, that it will be by Divine Appointment.

I will send you a copy of the Journal of the Medical Science. I have also edited a work on Railway Surgery, which I will have the publisher send you.

I was for three years the editor of the Journal of the National Association of Railway Surgeons, and seven years the editor of the Local Preachers Magazine, but resigned that position last October.

You ask me on what terms I would be willing to take hold of the work of building up the Medical department? I do not know what to say to this question.

If I could be placed in a position, and remain in this city until March 1896, I would not charge any thing for my services until that time, but would

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expect to do some work in raising money for the Medical department. I have annual passes over all of the Pennsylvania Lines, also over the Lake Erie and Western, and Wabash Railways, so that my traveling expenses would not be very much. Of course if it was thought best after March, for me to move to Washington and give my entire time to this work, then I would want a salary, but as soon as the department of Medicine can be established, and I can open an office in Washington City, I will be able to make my own salary, or most of it at least. A good hospital will be required, and should be in connection with a Deaconess home, and first class of every particular, so that those requiring either Medical or Surgical treatment would find the very best in the land, both in Medical and Surgical skill, and nurses. The Medical department should be made so thorough that Medical students would come from all the Colleges of the land to "finish up" and as you have said Medical practitioners and specialists from every country could find this the best institution for their special work. But in order to make this such an institution, large sums of money will be required, and I am of the opinion that money can be secured for this department, that could not be for the University proper. This should be raised in part at least, from the members of the Medical profession, and philanthropic laymen.

As stated to you in a former letter, I would be delighted to give the remainder of my active life to the building up of such an institution, where men and women can be thoroughly trained to relieve suffering humanity.

If you thought best I could come to Washington and see you and Bishop Hurst, but I should have one weeks notice so that I could arrange my affairs.

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I had an interview with the Hon. Charles Mc.Cullough, and he expressed a deep interest in the success of the University, and also stated that he would write to you in regard to it, but I suppose it will be mostly concerning myself. His Father, the Hon. Hugh Mc.Cullough ex secretary of the U.S. treasury, died in your city this spring.

I think I have written enough for this time. I have not received the literature you refer to.

I will send you my photo taken recently.

One year ago last winter there was a conference of Presiding elders of the States of Indiana, Michigan, Ills', Kentucky, and Ohio held in this city. Bishop Walden, Rev. Dr. Belt, and most of the presiding elders of Ohio were at my house for dinner, when the Bishop said that Bishop Hurst should get acquainted with me, and that I should be placed in the Medical department of the University. This remark caused me to think about this matter.

Let me hear from you again.

Yours Very Truly.

C. B. Stemen