

(F. Hamilton)

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My dear Dr Davidson

After leaving Washington I attended the funeral of Bishop Fitzgerald ^{as} ^{one} of the five appointed by Bishop Grossett to represent our Conference & the ^{met} five of the Bishops including Bishops Hamilton & Berry they went down to Coney Park in the same train with me & of course we talked about what he had done in electing Dr Hamilton Chancellor. Bishop Berry was exceedingly pleased and as he rode & sat in the same seat with me he had many things to say in favor of Dr Hamilton. The

next morning I responded to
their invitation & spent a couple
of hours with the two Bishops &
Dr Frank Hamilton. The sum &
substance of which was that it was
a great opportunity for Dr Hamilton
if so be that he could have the
support & cooperation of the
Board of Bishops & some other
of his personal friends. This has
yet to be tested. Dr Hamilton
left Asbury Park last night &
goes home to - morrow. I spent
half an hour with him this
morning at the Fifth Ave
Hotel. I think if he
receives proper encouragement
from the right sources he will
accept. In the case of the
Bishops agreed to stand by him
his brother John would be a

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strong supporter & very potent help
He advises an early visit to
Certain men we have in town in
& around Boston & I have agreed
to go there next Tuesday -

I have not seen any reference
to the matter in any newspaper
& of course shall not give
anything to any. In we are
all agreed that it will be
best. In all concerned to keep
it out of the papers until
the question is settled. Bishop
Hamilton told me that a
reporter had been to see him
about it & while he told him
what had been done he also
requested him not to publish it

It was talked about at the
Bank Room yesterday, by some
of our Trustees & Friends of
Dr Hamilton & I heard nothing
but what was favorable concerning
it & there was much that would
indicate that the selection is
a wise & good one. Dr Hamilton's
friends who were there were
enthusiastic & if he meets with
the same kind of encouragement
in Boston & from the Bishops
I think he will accept but he
is weighing the whole situation
with much care. He will write
to you he said in information
on some points as to income &
expenses &c shortly. Dr Hill
was not at the Bank Room
on Monday & I have not heard
a word from him since the

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Meeting, neither have I heard
how it came about that things
got into the shape they did -
However I am pleased with
the outcome & I trust it will
all be in the good of the
Movement

I am hoping to see
Mr Andrews to-day - I have
no response to my letter as
yet, the parties must be away
from home, but I hope to
have some cash to send you
in a few days

Very Sincerely
John A. Guttenberg

Kindly send me the Washington Paper
having report of meeting -