

New York Long 17. 1832

My dear Brother Vail

Your letter come duly to

hand but I deemed it unnecessary to answer  
it then. I now most cheerfully congratulate

you on your success in raising your <sup>\$12,000</sup>  
in Annamati for the Lane Seminary and

hope you will go on till you have raised  
at least 20,000\$. I see that you are the

man for this business, and I am convin-  
ced that it would be a loss of time for

me to attempt any thing of the  
kind, when your labors can be obtained

as well as mine. My opinion therefore  
is that you had better calculate on

coming here to complete what you be-  
gan. Suppose you have Dr. Beecher's  
appointment renewed about the first  
of April and then come on yourself

The state of religion here is interesting, though nothing very peculiar.

with it and make your arrangement to re-  
main till after the Anniversary and Gen.  
Assembly see in which time by your  
deal &c you will be able I think to  
complete the Prefships and secure  
every thing necessary to start the  
whole concern. I think this will be about  
the only way to secure what you want.

I am now hard at work for the Tract  
Society and shall probably continue  
in their service or the service of the  
Am. B. C. F. M. In the service of these Societies  
where I can preach I feel I can do much  
more than in business where every thing  
depends on personal solicitation. While you  
have a talent for both, you have a peculiar  
talent for the latter, I mean effective  
talent. I hope therefore you will not fail  
to come on to complete the work at

Philadelphia here. Dr. Cornelius has just  
gone to Preston to arrange and start business  
for the A. B. C. F. M. I have written to him to  
do what he can to bring the Dr. to an  
unavoidable decision. I feel concerned too  
in relation to the renewal of his appointment.  
Do your minutes show that he has declined?  
If not how can you reappoint? If you do  
not make a new appointment what can you  
or he say to his people about the resignation?

We must be very cautious here to  
suffer the Dr. to get entangled.

Your letter introducing Dr. Nelson came the other  
day mailed at Phila; but he is not yet here.

I saw Geo. Beecher at New Haven and Catherine at that  
ford both of whom said they expected to go to  
Cin. on that train & after would go. It seems a  
good deal upon in the family. C. S. Cook is not pub-  
licly except for the school. She expects to  
leave the school in the spring. Her health is poor.  
Mr. Patterson has just sailed for Charleston S. C.  
and intends to visit Savannah. While New Orleans

Watches, and he in Cincinnati about the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. He goes for his health but will act in behalf of the Bible Society and explore for the Education Soc. Mr. Owen has just arrived and is acting as assistant Sec. or rather as chief Manager in the absence of all others.

Rev. A. Eastman  
17 Jan. 1832

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Ohio

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Remember me very affectionately to Mrs. V. and your family. An affectionate friend  
Write me here. Yours aff. Chas. D. M.  
A. Eastman