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Carlisle, Pa., June 5 cm 1874.

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Fisher 1874 June 5,

HIMES, CHARLES FRANCIS

To William Righter Fisher.

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My dear Mr. Fisher, I had hoped to have seen you long before this, although I wd have been glad to (have) had you drop in on us at any time I deferred writing you to come because some accidental circumstance or other turned up to render the time I had fixed inopportune, among them a severe & prolonged illness of Mrs Dr M Cauley, especially as I was particulerly anxious that you shd meet Dr McCauley largely on account of a matter which I lay before you in this letter, feeling that I can do so in perfect confidence. It is much more than likely, I may indeed say certain. that reorganization of the Faculty of the College talked of with more or less earnestness ever since my connection with the College at least, & how much longer I can't say, will be brought about at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees at Commencement. The only question now seems to be as to the extent of the changes. I think there is no doubt that the places of Profs Stayman & Trickett will be otherwise filled, and unless sympathy for a man with a family without other immediate means of support at hand shd prevail over what seems to be the judgment of some of the best friends of the college, also that of Prof Hillman. A I confess I look forward to commencement however with anything but the usual pleasant anticipations of meeting friends &c, & every thought in regard to it is rather tinged with sadness, for whatevery may be the faults or short comings of the individuels mentioned we have been long associated together & our relations have at least not been unfriendly, but I cannot but feel at the same time perfectly free from an responsibility in the matter and also that it is perhaps the best thing that can be done for the college, provided that the places are filled with men calculated to impart greater strength internally & externally to the institutkon. I regard Dr M Cauley as a most admirable man for his position & for this crisis, as he is fully equal to it in scholarly ability, & had the fullest confidence of the friends of the college & the heart of the church with him, & with the changes indicated the college under him may begin a new era. The selection of the individuals to fill any vacancies that may occur will be largely, indeed to a certain extent almost exclusively in his hands, as it shd be. He has in his mind several first class men, at least as far as endoresement by leading men in the church goes as well as his own judgment. Of course in addition to the question of simple fitness for a position many other considerations may enter into an estimate of the availability of any candidate & in a full consideration of all the circumstances involved, some accidental one, trifling perhaps in itself as locality, or order of election, for example, may influence the decision as to individuals precisely equal in other The greatest difficulty might be met with in filling the chair of Math. if it becomes vacant and next to that that of Mod. Languages. The latter is however I think provided for with tolerable degree of certainty in his mind; perhaps also the former. I have mentioned yr name to him & he has been very favorably impressed with it, & I was exceedingly desirous that you shd become acquainted with each other. I do not know what yr plans & prospects are but it occurred to me that a position such as this might not be uncongenial to you, and I consider you as well adapted by nature & acquisitions to it. The Math. of a college course do not fun so far as to cause the exclusive absorbtion of yr time. & you sd work out in almost any direction, & with the new interest & confidence in the College that might be awakened by the changes that are to take place, I think the position shd be as pleasant & desirable as almost any one of the kind. If yr name shd be allowed in this connection you may be satisfied in one point, that it will not simply be cast into the Board of Trustees with a lot of other names to be selected from, but that if it gets there, at least through Dr M Cauley, it will be with his full endorsement & desire for favorable consideration & not without a reasonable degree of certainty that it will be so considered.

mwantime however you see how very desirableit is for him to have all possible elements in his consideration in making up his plans for all contingencies that may arise & I wd be exceedingly glad if you wd let me know promptly what yr feelings are in regard to such a place & I will communicate with Dr M Cauley just as much and as freely in regard to them as you may indicate, or I wd be still better pleased if you wd run up for a visit of a day or two at least, or as much longer as you please, as we wd be glad to see you & have been expecting you & you cd then have a chat with Dr MC in whom you can repose the most implicit confidence as an honorable. honest. Christian gentleman, with whom I know wou will be pleased. You will readily understand the propriety of my asking for this communication the strictest confidence. & as it has been written with the assent of Dr M Cauley on the assurance given him that the matter wd be perfectly safe in yr hands, I wd simply say that he weems very desirous so far at least, to control a movement. which he did not originate & cd not check if he wd desire. as to cause as little violence as possible to be done to the interests or feelings of any concerned & this he thinks may be best accomplished quietly.

It might be that the finances of the college might require an adjunct Prof. for a year, to recuperate on some extraordinary expenditures & as you wd likely be the youngest man in the lot, that position might be given you for a year on say \$1000 salary, or a Prof'ship with that salary. - Let me hear from you, or better still let me see you here soon, & let me hope that affairs may take such a turn that we may be associated together in the same work for which I think you wo well suited.

Yrs truly
Charles F Himes

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