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labor. You should probably appoint one professor to  
the sphere of Didac. Theol. & another to Rhetoric.  
labors. Prof. Grant could we think give you  
instructions in sacred Literature. — The new pro-  
fessors would enter on their work, as connected with  
us, by exhorting themselves to give us a stronger  
hold on the public heart & purse. The present  
year they would probably devote to such labors,  
taking on next class as their first in this in-  
struction. I write this letter to inquire, as I do with  
earnestness, whether you could assist us, in per-  
mitting, in this great design. You are our enemy  
if you can obtain you aid. You know, dear Phelps,  
that I am poorly qualified to push our mission  
I can tell a plain story, but "the glory" I cannot  
furnish. I know & love you. You know something  
of us. The design we have in mind I think is a  
great one, I am sure; I hope, quite practica-  
ble. Could you do better than to enter in it? Labor  
I full denial you would have; I hope, the  
fights of the Saviour's face & the sympathy of  
his people & the blessing of the ready-to-serve.  
Pray let us hear from you with as little de-  
lay as possible; I name good names to us,  
as seeking another professor. Love to all the  
dear brethren. May the Saviour prosper & bless you!  
My heart's love to the dear youngling in your bosom.  
Yours as ever,  
W. B. Allen.

confidence & hope, continually increasing.

4. The present state of things in the Pres.<sup>m</sup> chh., with thanks, greatly paves any well directed effort, which the friends of freedom may be able to put forth, to give the Self-gov.<sup>n</sup> principle fuller application & free play in our churches. Congregationalism must, we think, be regarded with favor to a great extent; & at no distant day in the state of N. York. Is not this the very time to make efforts in the direction of a right public sentiment, which is rapidly forming?

5. Our exertions as a school in promoting the Communion principle & arrangements of the New Testament are greatly needed; as much so as ever, perhaps. The addition of this depart. will, with blessing of God greatly increase & extend our influence. Our friends need assistance under the pressure of poverty; & the contemplated arrangements will, if carried into effect, be likely to open before us sources of assistance, which are now sealed. A saving of spirit & strength may be effected too, taking the whole course of the friends into the account, by bringing all our exertions into stricter unity. The Litur. depart. could be made to play into the hands of the Theo.; & the Theo. to help the Litur. We wish too to see chr. preachers; upon whom the stamp of the S. L. should be ~~carried~~ found, fresh & unbroken, as they enter on their public

Whiteford, Jan. 14 1839.

Berith's Green.

My very dear Brother; "Six weeks" with a withsup! What is the length of a week in the Bay- state? Our patience is too much exhausted to allow us to put off such inquiries any longer. Not a word from you here in explanation! We have seen a notice in "the paper", that you had been called to a pulpit in Boston; but no intimation, that you had listened to it. Your resignation of your place in the A. S. corps was now- dened of that to me; as I was aware, that you formed the purpose long ago. Our trustees had a meeting yesterday. The resolution to enter upon arrangements for opening a theo. depart. in the A. S. was unanimously adopted. I am the chairman of a Committee for carrying under God the resolution into effect. We are desirous of finding & enlisting as soon as may be two additional professors, who may enter heart & soul into the design. Let me say a few things on the subject, which may be interesting to you.

1. We regard the Institute property, after a pretty careful & thro' examination, as worth about \$25,000. This is exclusive of any demands upon us.
2. We are more & more thro'ly persuaded of the practicality & various utility of our normal-labor arrangements. This department has more than sustained its expenditure in the last year.
3. The characteristics of the A. S., as such, are more & more pleased with, We regard them with

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