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Pres't Mc Clelland,

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26th is just received. We are all feeling very glad that you are ^{fully expect with God's blessing} coming and are resolved to overcome every difficulty that stands in the way of success with ~~God's blessing~~. I enclose a circular just out ^{from} which you will learn that we have determined to postpone ~~the~~ commencement of school as you suggest in your letter. We have also taken the liberty of changing the length of the terms, making them equal (about 12 weeks each) in length. This will make the arrangement of classes much more convenient and equalize the rates of tuition. As you are absent I have taken the liberty of answering inquiries. It may be well for you to give some one here authority to answer such of your letters here as are on college business and have your other correspondents mark their letters "private". In regard to a "Lady Principal" I feel that if we have a gentleman of experience at the head of the academy, that ^{will} not be of so much importance in regard to her case. In fact I can see some advantages in her beginning work here with you whom she knows, and her sym-

pathy would be more full and natural than otherwise. I shall heartily concur in your judgment in the matter. Prof. Ferrin & Mr. Heiman express themselves to the same effect. Of course it is to be recollected that the direct charge of the young ladies will be in her hands, especially at the Ladies Hall. I presume in selection of a Principal of the Academy you will think of all the necessary qualifications, but I will suggest some causes of difficulty in the past, which it will be well to guard against, either by knowledge of the man or by a plain understanding at the start. Some teachers in that position have felt jealous of those in the College, and have pressed for position in the college, as if it were either easier or more honorable than their own, seriously injuring their own work. Some have not appreciated Classical & Philosophical Culture and by using their influence, perhaps unintentionally, in that way have hindered the higher work. One man here was very far from an earnest Christian, was even sceptical, and his good scholarship only enabled him to do the more harm. — The work in science needs a good teacher, one who understands the principles as well as the details, ^{who does not despise everything that is not science!} There is a danger that a person much interested in such work may draw away too discourage from work in other directions,



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McC.) but if the teacher be of a good & wide scholarship, it will only be from a natural preference - Prof. Ferris is rather anxious to know what provision you have in mind for that work, and, ^{particularly} whether he will be expected to teach the Chemistry. You will see that we expect that we shall be able to provide for Drawing & Painting as well as for Music. Will Mrs. McKelland be able to take charge of the Art? A gentleman in this neighborhood, Mr. Westfall, has applied for work in that line, but I do not know much about him, tho' I judge him to be of fair ability.

Mrs. Frederick Billings lives at Woodstock, Vermont; though she has spent much of her time in New York. I wrote ^{to} her a few days ago in regard to the needs of the college and its condition, I mentioned your acceptance of the Presidency, but did not speak of your going East. I spoke to her, ^{especially} of new buildings and of the Professorship of Mental & Moral Phil. (as her husband had seemed interested in that.) My personal acquaintance with them was ^{not great} slight and I do not know whether my introduction would be of great service or whether you would find her in Woodstock at this time. I enclose however a line to her. I ^{will send you later} enclose some names of persons who were ^{much} interested in the school in my brother's time.

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I know very few of them myself. Many of them may be dead, but if you are in their neighborhood, it will be well to make some inquiry. Mr. Morse has in his hands ^{or will have at his mother's death if they still live} \$2500 which he can give to the school if he chooses. It was so left by his father's will as that this school should have the preference. Mr. Spoon (Babb-wire factory) gave considerable. Mr. Hinman wrote to Mr. Hamilton of the College Socy a few days ago. He urged strongly our need of new buildings and solicited aid in that direction. If that Socy were willing to aid us now it would be of very great service and would settle all our difficulties here at once. I think it very important that you see him ^{also N. G. Clark.} Yours very truly
 Jos. W. March

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