

Rooms of the American Home Missionary Society,

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York, July 19. 1864.

Rev. Horace Lyman

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 15th instant has been received, including \$20 - Monthly Concert Collection, from the Cong. Church of Forest Grove, for the American Home Missionary Society, for which you will please accept, for yourself and for the donors, our grateful acknowledgments.

In answer to your inquiry in regard to withdrawing from the Society, in compensating you and President Monk for your services in preaching, it would not be consistent with the rules and usages of the Society to grant such a withdrawal in the circumstances. Its rules require, expressly, that the Missionary holding its Commission shall not be engaged in any other employment, and this provision is inserted as one of the stipulations in every Commission. As we understand it, and as the public understand of your main employment and that of President Monk is in-

Resolution in the College, your speaking being
entirely subordinate and incidental. He
could not give a Commission, in such a
case, without a most manifest departure from
a principle acted upon from the founda-
tion of the Society, and applied by our Com-
mittee in numerous cases. It would be
the breaking down of the rule entirely, and
the involving ourselves in great inconsistency.

Thus as our by-laws, with you
and your Exultation and the Church, "The
in your embarrasments we should be obliged
to decline such an application, and

Very truly yours,

Milton Packer

Secty. M. S.