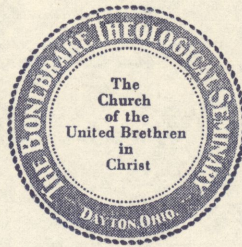


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President J. H. Harris
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My dear Dr. Harris; A letter has been due you from my quarters for several days and I intended to write today on an item of business but the letter that came from Mrs Howard last evening when I came here from Boston quite changes the main character of my letter.

Mrs Howard writes that you have resigned from your position as president and I want herewith to express my deepest, most sincere regrets. I cannot imagine what has turned up to make this step seem wise.

For my part I have believed right through this past quadrennium that you were the biggest and fittest man on the horizon four years ago for the Seminary presidency and I have had no occasion to change my mind during the years since then.

You won my admiration and esteem in the two previous General Conferences for it seemed to me you

stood out in those General Conferences as one of
the most discerning and broadest minded men
in those conferences. Your words and acts while
you have been at the seminary have fully sustained
the above, earlier judgment. It seems to me you
have handled campus matters in admirable
fashion. I have not heard one word, not one word
of criticism of you or your acts from any student or
member of the faculty in the four years. By your
leadership in the faculty our business has been
better distributed and handled than ever before and
I am certain there has been better satisfaction
in the dormitory.

No one wants to evade a hard task but I can't
hardly help congratulating you that you can roll off
that cruel burden. I just wonder where the super man
is who can carry the staggering load through these
years ahead with conditions in and outside of the
church as they are.

I want to express my appreciation too of the manner
in which Mrs Harris and "the boys" James and Richard
have met the difficult financial circumstances in these
recent years. They have all earned every body's esteem
by their unusual talents and beautiful spirit.
I am sure you all have still greater contributions
to make to the church and the world in these years ahead.
Now this item of business, you gave me a small booklet
to review. This consisted of three editorials in an Episcopalian
paper. It hardly deserves a review, not that the material is not
good but I doubt whether the publishers planned to sell many
copies. So I do not think I will read

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A. J. Howard

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