

New York, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Dear Brother,

The first week I was in Xenia, I ran to the depot at each arrival of the cars from the South expecting to take you by the hand. It did seem strange that we run so near you, and yet we did not meet. No doubt however you had very adequate reasons for absence, and for myself I was so impressed in business while there, and so urgently called for at home that I could not go further west. I should have rejoiced to go and see you, but every thing forbade it, and so I had to submit.

I put up time every day, and more to do than my hands can accomplish. Your father stood the journey well, and was improved by it. He had a pleasant business meeting of Squad. It was one of the most harmonious we have had for years, and evidence was afforded that good was doing.

Dr. M. D. Weston made his appearance for once, and answered to his name. I should judge he was rather a crooked stick. I believe he voted no to every

thing. I hope you are able to keep him in  
order. You have the character of a very  
good disciplinarian.

I received your letter after our bereavement.  
It gave us consolation. I find it hard  
to reconcile myself to the removal of my  
pleasant letter bag. But I believe he  
has gone to a better home.

When you can find leisure I shall be  
glad to hear from you again.

Enclosed you have a letter which will  
explain itself. You will find it a spe-  
cimen of elegant composition, as meritori-  
ous as it is unpretending. I can endorse  
the character and standing of the writer,  
as the very best.

Rev. Hugh M. Lead (his name which  
is not (as I am aware) any relative of  
mine. He is Minister of Logie Easter  
Parkhill, Scotland. A learned and eloquent  
man of high standing in Scotland, he  
applies to me to endeavor to procure  
the Doctorate for Rev. David Carmichael  
of Rosskeen. You see what he says  
respecting him. I have resolved to ask  
you to obtain it from Indiana University,  
if possible. Will you let me know

what prospect there is of success. I do view  
the case, as, having peculiar claims, and if  
the University should be pleased to confer  
the title, they could hardly do it in any  
~~other~~ case in which the public voice  
would more thoroughly sustain their act.  
I would also say that Mr. <sup>Prof.</sup> ~~Dr.~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~Mc~~ <sup>Lee</sup>  
desires it for himself. He is a man,  
say 45 years of age, a fine scholar  
and very superior preacher. I write  
emphatically an ecclesiastical man. May  
be you can afford to be generous. Will  
you be pleased to present  
my regards to Dr. Noyes and  
say that, if there is no insuperable  
obstacle in the way, he would confer  
a great favour on me, by giving his aid  
in this matter.

Since President McMaster left Oxford,  
and Protestant University has shut up shop  
we know not where to look for "semi-la-  
-nor fordalis" (as Dr. Cox calls the D.D.)  
but to you. Give us two, if you can. We  
shall be content with one, and I have  
no doubt, it will help the Library of the  
College. Give my love to Rebecca and  
the children, and believe me to be as ever

Yrs. brother John N. Mc Lee  
New York

tutions, & is perfectly well behaved. My father is still looking forward to a mercantile life. I suppose you know that Sumner is back again in Michigan. He has some legal appointments there, & debates in politics rather largely -

The Reverend

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Theophilus A. Pyble

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P.S. Your information regarding my son Pyble was correct. He is now a student of Medicine. He has chosen that profession, and is prosecuting his studies with great diligence & success. He is in the office of Professor Beck of the Old College here & will enter the second year at the commencement of the next term. He is also helping himself by some private