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Nathan J. Morrison, 1897 February 4**

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Dictated.

Boston, Feb. 4th, 1897

Rev. N. J. Morrison, D.D.,

232 East 11 th St., New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Morrison,-- I have written to Dr. Phelps to call upon me. I hope that if Plymouth Church thinks of calling a Kansas man, they will go slow until we all know what kind of timber he is made of, and how he will harmonize with the other Congregational workers of that city. I shall write Mr. Kimball to that effect and also Mr. Holmes.

I appreciate very much your comments upon the portion of the letter to Dr. Willcox which was forwarded the other day. I sent the remainder yesterday and hope it will be as satisfactory. I shall have finished and clean copies made and furnish you with one in finished form. I do not believe that Mr. Tunnell can take much exception to the temper and spirit of the letter, and I fancy he will not enjoy very much the extracts from his earlier letters.

I must see Dr. Willcox at once and furnish you with the testimonial which you requested a few days ago. I have been head over heels in office work for two weeks, and have put in nearly every evening as well as long hours during the day. Nothing else has had a moment's attention. I have written Mrs. Warren, as I said I would, but have not yet received any answer. I secured one gift last week, which I shall have designated for Fairmount, and which will be forwarded in a few days, as soon as the treasurer can make it convenient. I hope to hear from Mrs. Warren by every mail.

I return the letter from Mr. Isely, which is exceedingly encouraging, though I presume that the citizens of Wichita will run wild after the state normal, and for the time-being they may not do as much for Fairmount as they otherwise would. I am glad that you have such a fine opening in Washington for books for the library. I think the circular which you have issued in behalf of the library is a very excellent one.

I enclose letter from Rev. Mr. Shaw of Arkansas City, to which I have replied. I mean to have my letter to Dr. Willcox as well as Mr. Tunnell's letter sent to several of the Kansas ministers in type-written form, unless you think it should be printed and circulated freely in Kansas by the trustees of the College. They might make excellent use of some facts it contains, or they might issue an entirely new statement and cause it to be circulated widely through Kansas.

If you had the money you need, I should strongly advise that you spend several weeks in going about Kansas and informing ministers and prominent laymen, so that a better understanding of Fairmount's merits and claims could be had. I hope to be present at the meeting of the State Association. It seems to me that as soon as possible the State Association ought to be invited to Wichita, in order that the ministers and delegates can obtain for themselves a better view of the situation.