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Nathan J. Morrison, 1897 June 21**

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## Congregational Education Society.

10 CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

Aids more than four hundred candidates for the ministry.  
Aids eight Home Missionary Colleges and twenty Academies in the West and South.  
Supports ten Free Christian Schools in Utah and New Mexico.

*Boston, June 21, 1897*.....189

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

Wichita, Kan.

Dear Dr. Morrison:-

I have not yet succeeded in finding anyone to take the loan upon the Parker house. I am wondering whether it is wise to spend \$1,200 in improving that property. I think I can find the \$800 necessary for the purchase of it. When I was there the talk was about buying the Parker house and another one very near by which was in the market for \$700. However, I will do all I can to assist you in carrying out whatever plans seem wise; but you know from experience that it takes longer sometimes to find the party who has money to lend, than we expect. I suppose that Mr. Crathern and Mrs. Tarbell would allow any money paid by the Society to them to be put into a mortgage upon that property, and it may be that they have other money which they would now be willing to invest in that way. He is coming in to-day, and I will talk with him about it.

I regretted exceedingly to learn that Washburn has been at Wichita, or even in that section of the State. It appears to me that the trustees of Fairmount would be justified in a protest to the trustees of Washburn, and in signifying to them that if such measures are resorted to, they might expect an open warfare. I would not hesitate for one moment to serve such a notice upon them. The results of such interference will react disastrously.

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank L. Ferguson*