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MRS. ELLEN J. PHINNEY, President,

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Answered
Sept 25
My dear Mrs. Elden:

When I left Northampton a little over two weeks ago it seemed that the city would not condemn the property where my daughter is located and take it for park purposes, but matters settled in that way contrary to our expectations, and now she is forced to move just about as her best season opens.

I must go her relief within two weeks and I may not come back to Ohio to stay for any length of time.

I would resign at once only I am crowding these days with efforts to build up our work and want to feel it is my responsibility to hand the work over to you in as good condition as possible. I am to organize in West Park next week, and I go to East Cleveland tomorrow to try and accomplish the same result. I have designs on a few other places and had promised to help some of the more distant points before I knew that I must leave here so soon. If they open the way, Mrs. Stivers will s

simply have to step into the breach, though she is inclined to think the responsibility is not hers.

She works hard and has too many interests for a busy housekeeper, who has parish duties, denominational zeal that is unwise, boarders and all her own work to do.

I have little patience with her husband. He is well and ought to carry the heavy end of family maintenance.

You are my natural successor and I hope you will find a competent Sec. in Oberlin or Elyria to serve another year. Mrs. Stivers thought that Springfield was to have the Con. this year and wrote some time ago to see if it was expected and planned for, but has had no reply.

I have written since my return and hope we will know soon if we must hunt a place. Will you keep this on your heart? We must not conflict with the missionary meeting this year. I think a date quite early in Oct. or the very last of the month and have the Nat. overlap would be best. Wish I could see you. Much love from

Yours,

Ellen J. Phinney.