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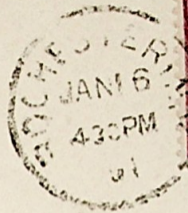
My dear Brother, (and rec^d). Don't know just now what I want. God thwarts my plans so I scarcely dare plan anything. My plan was to get my little Soc^y a library. The main spoke - not fellow is moved away. the lady at the head of it. I had invitation in Fall to field I thought would just suit enabling me to do something in the Cause of Missions. A University Centre, 600 students. I was to start to visit Ch. Child took Icarus. I delayed. then went. took Grippe as soon as I arrived, fought it on & was in the midst of good meeting first week. & Child laid down dangerously ill of gastric fever. Left under telegram to attend to Ch. the sat. after I left & a rising vote unanimous to return, though 75⁰⁰ was cost to them of my former visit, & finish meeting. I told them when I left God had heard me & my boy would be out of danger when I arrived in Ky. & so he was but I had been called back. And providences still prevent my returning. I am thus detained in this little one horse town, as Moses was 40 years

Keeping sheep. But God knows best & I say
"Thy will be done". Now when my whole soul is in
the "vasty deep" of perishing nations & I am held
back from any active part you see "the I.M.U.
Agony" is not on me. I am pro tem, discouraged
as to my part or lot in the matter. I sold a Fla. lot.
& sent on first payment as thank offering to support
one of the 13 waiting to be sent. Yet after 6 months my
money lies unused in the Secy's hand & others
have sent out their men. The one I offered to send
did not go. I have almost decided to tell him
to use it to support a Cuban work God has raised
up & thrust on our Church. All the plans for
work I had have been so thwarted I am discour-
aged about studying or preparing for missions
though I would love above all else to stir our Ch.
& I see the need, & my view is heartily endorsed by
missionaries in the field & by our Secy. I only
await God's sanction & in meantime was studying the
Subject trying to qualify myself to do a needed work
no one in our Ch. is doing. Think - our Synod pays
1800. to a Secy to run Ky. Evangelistic work when
we already have a Gen. Secy for the entire Ch.
And we give \$20000 for Evange work in this old state
& some 6 or 8000 for outside Evange service & only about
8000⁰⁰ for all the world besides! And no man in

the Synod to stir the subject, while
the Home work has a large Com. of
our most influential W.D.'s & Capitalists
& a salaried Secy. I have hoped God
will yet enable me to go under Synodical
Sanction, at my own expense, with what he
may give me, with no salary pledged, & do this
needed work. For 8 months I did in Ga. & Fla. & re-
ceived 140 into the Meth. Bap. & Pres. Churches &
raised 1300⁰⁰ to support a missionary, over
& above the usual Contribution of that Synod.
It was only giving 1065⁰⁰ & in 2 years it gave
3100! I think my work tended to the increase.
But sickness of my dear wife & since my two little
orphans, of whom I have had sole charge
most of the time for 18-20 months has shut me
up here. But God is good, for they are said by
all to be two good children & give so much less
trouble than I could expect. Have been ex-
pecting a governess since Sept. But God's
providences (death & sickness in her family & my
uncertainty about going to Mo.) have kept her
back up to this time. So far will explain why
I am not "rushing the Union" just now. I will try as
soon as I settle down - been moving & it tries to move,

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