

Parsonage,
First Presbyterian Church,
Nyack, N. Y.

Jan. 9th. 1895.

My dear Dr. Cracey; --

Pardon me for neglecting so long yours of 22nd Nov. It did not seem to be that length of time, until I took up your letter and read date. Had a reason, (Satan did when he led Eve astray, so she when she got Adam off): but mine better than theirs. Special literary work pressed. Have been getting ready history of Early Presbyterianism, as seen in beginnings at Hempstead, and, before that church was organized, in Connecticut. Beside, have had burdens that almost overwhelmed me of another kind, and struggled to get rid of them. They are financial; and, though a little lighter, rest heavily yet on my shoulders. In addition, had development of throat difficulty promising me a prolonged rest from speaking. That, fortunately has been put off for time, if not permanently; yet I may be compelled to get to a better and dryer air than comes from water against hills to chill and settle on Nyack. But not so much of self; instead your question.

I have done nothing about publication because of my affairs keeping my mind disturbed, and other duties being so pressing. I can't see my way yet out of fog. Sorry that I can't answer your question yet regarding publication; for I must go back, with all spare time, to literary work to get load off back. I hope to get load off, so as to get at publication business in time for June meeting; but am unable to see far enough ahead to say. The fact is, I am ~~as~~ about as far removed from a Democrat, except to wish to make him a Republican or something else as sensible, that I feel like fighting something. Business in this town has been "looking up" ever since I came, nearly a year and a half ago, but, as it lay on its back. Many of my people are idle, others losing income, and consequently my salary is not only dropping behind, but must be dropped off. Farms are, from lowered tariff, in worse condition. Men can't pay expenses nor taxes; and so I must struggle to meet difficulties at both ends. So you can imagine my condition and feelings.

If business improves sufficient to make advertisements payable, that is my plan for publication. Advertisers say there must be a change before that is feasible. The change is coming in somethings; how far they will reach remains to be seen. Building is likely to start up in spring, and other things may follow. So I hope for other

This can be added in circulars we wish to send out at home, but I want some at once enough to make in minutes

Our papers are too few to care about - too long for any thing but synopses -

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They are spontaneous in the debates and these are the best speeches made. I think plan is best. but it might be that each person is requested to give the points at today they are spoken - that they might be prepared

things as well as my own. This I suggest for circular, if not too late. That *etc, prepared*
each paper and address be in form for publication complete or in brief, as space may be available, so that if we can make arrangements for publishing, we may do so. State that it is (the purpose to publish proceedings and addresses) ??? as soon as possible to make arrangements for so doing. It may not be this but quite certainly will next year.

If you can hold off circular for week or two, or perhaps three, I would like to get something in about railroads and transportation. They have revised plans, and are not quite ready, I think, to say; but shall write to Lenigh Valley to see if they will grant special or half fare rates, and if they will allow publication. Perhaps will see agent and talk with him. That is best R.R. from New York. And it is good from west of Clifton Springs. Think I can make arrangements with D.L. & W., but doubt if can with N.Y. Central, and don't want to; but will try for sake of missionaries.

N.Y. Central is ready to help Catholics and Salvation Army people, but not Protestant missionaries.

Sorry you could not get around to stay with us over a night while in N.Y. If there again, see that you come and use up all spare time here. It will do us good, whatever it may do to you. Want to see and talk with you though nothing special, beyond what have written, and further regarding I.M.U. Hope to have largest meeting of all next June. Last created enthusiasm that lasts. Amerman is as enthusiastic as boy over it; so is Mrs. A. She, though an invalid, wrote good article regarding it for ChristianIntelligencer, because she saw none regarding I.M.U. in it. The person who promised did not send. At least it was not published either in Intelligencer or Observer. Both deeply interested in I.M.U.

As I am so driven just at present, I will stop, and as soon as I hear from R.R. will write again.

We are all well, Mrs. Davis specially so, except my sister who has been an invalid from nervous prostration since last autumn. She is better.

Heartily, with warm regards to all the Gracey's, not least the angel whose wings have not yet grown

yours,

J. A. Davis

Dear B. you do not say what you are
doing abt circulars - I thought you were
to get them out right away after I saw
you last - otherwise I would have got out
some for my own use at least, before now.
I am embarrassed for want of them.

Deus Bened. Te

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