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Beaver Dam, Wis., May 3/94

Pres. W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

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Can you aid us any in the choice of a successor? I propose, so far as possible, to keep this change from the public, for some weeks, and, in the meantime, to work quietly and diligently in securing the right kind of a principal for next year. What do you think of Mr. E. W. Clement of Kenwood Institute? His good scholarship, his former connection with this school and his familiarity with affiliation are strong points in his favor. You once hinted that his discipline would be weak. Are you of that opinion still? Did I understand you to say that Mr. E. H. Castle is permanently engaged for next year? In point of scholarship and ability as an educator, he would certainly meet the requirements. I have thought also of Rev. J. L. Cheney, Ph. D., formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., now sojourning for a few months in Cal.

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Rev. D. W. Hulbert, whom you know so well, has also been mentioned. He, too, would demand a good salary, and I do not know that he would even consider the proposition. I suppose he has not maintained exact scholarship, though his general ability is ^{good} great, and his ability to manage the school is, I think, beyond question. He has a thorough knowledge of our state, and the respect of our moneyed men, so that in all public and practical relations, and in the general management of the school, he would be an ideal man.

I do not wish to take your time, but, from your broad knowledge of education, you might, at a glance, add some desirable information. I am exceedingly anxious to close the work of this year in the best possible way, and will do all I can to leave the school in excellent shape for the next man. Possibly, Dr. C. R. Henderson could give you some information with regard to Mr. Cheney, as they must have been associated together in Michigan.

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H. J. Wasburgh

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