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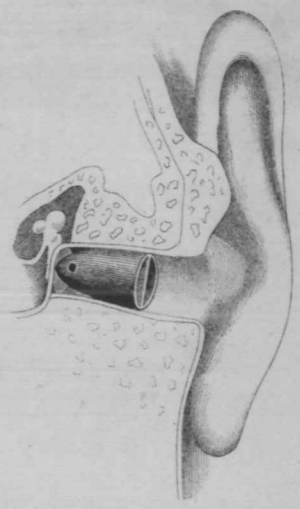

Louisville, Ky. 10-19-05

Prof. A. T. Robertson,

City.

My dear Sir;-

I have received your letter of the 17th and have read same with a great deal of interest and will take pleasure in joining with others in raising the fund for the purpose of bringing Dr. Fairbairn to lecture some time during December of this year. No doubt you can find ten gentlemen willing to give twenty dollars each toward this fund.

I am very glad indeed to learn that Dr. and Mrs. Jas Stalker remembered us while in this city and hope some day to meet them again in Aberdeen.

Hoping we may have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Fairbairn should he visit Louisville, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

Geo. H. Wilson

Chester S. C. Oct 22nd 1905

Dr Robertson

Dear Sir & Brother

Chester Church is at this time out of a Pastor and we are looking now around for another. Rev H. A. Bagby of Fremont S. C. has suggested the Rev J. B. Snyder of Trenton Tenn as one he thought would suit us.

I write you to inquire about him. We need a man of fine scholarly attainments a good preacher and a good worker and Pastor. One that can hold his own with any of the preachers of other denomination in ability. Our Church has just passed through trouble.

A minority had fallen out with the Pastor and it finally culminated in the withdrawal of 34 members

We have still about 300 members.

It caused a financial loss of about 20 p. ct. With a good Pastor and preacher a number of them will return. The members now are fully united.

Will you please give me the information desired.

Yours fraternally
E. J. Atkinson
Chm. Com.

Berlin, Oct 24th 1905

My Dear Dr. Robertson:

Yours received, and I write a hasty reply. I am very glad things are brightening for The Argus. They must brighten more and more. The Argus is the chosen of the Lord to advance His Kingdom, and He will not let it seriously suffer, at least He will deliver it and continue to use it. Certainly I am willing to join in the plan you speak of.

My work here is moving on as well as I could expect. In fact I have nearly accomplished the chief things I meant to do here. I have had two months of first rate opportunity, and under these conditions things move more rapidly than under normal conditions at home – I mean in the line of study. I have my German pretty

well in hand. Have written some on my lectures and have done a good deal of planning.

In closing just an intimation. If everything goes as I hope I will probably sail from Hamburg Nov 11th. I have written to my wife and Dr. Sampey that I had engaged passage for the 18th but since then have looked further into matters. Please do not intimate to my wife any change as it is not yet quite definitely planned and I may wait till the 18th after all. I will write her soon, if the change is made, to that effect.

I rejoice in the fine opening of course. It is better than I hoped in view of the large graduating class and other handicaps. I hope we may run the attendance up close to 300. Sampey has done good work, and Mr Treat's gift was most opportune and providential, thanks be unto the Lord. Am sorry to hear thro' my wife that John is not well. My love to all, as ever

Yrs affly E.Y. Mullins

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION
A. T. ROBERTSON

Louisville, Ky. Oct. 24 1905.

Dear Ormachie:

After the concert last night, we heard that Mrs. Mrs. Taylor, of Parkland, had lost their little girl, two years old. She was just the age of Geraldine Lee. Mary Belle telephoned me to know if I would go down there with her, as I did. Mrs. Carver went too. It would really have been kinder just to send cards, for the house was full of people, and the family were seeing everybody, and we were there more to add to the strain. Mrs. Taylor was preternaturally calm, but her eyes burned with the tension, and the naturalness of her manner was most unnatural; she said, "Did you all know the baby? I want you to see her, how sweet she looks. Come see my baby." It was heart-breaking. We burst into tears, but she wanted us to stay and talk, as of course we did. Poor thing! The child was ill five days, with flux, caused by eating some corn

which was obstructed by a small bunch of tow she had swallowed some time ago. I could not help thinking the doctor might have discovered it sooner. The whole church loved the little thing, and a throng of people were coming and going. Mrs. Taylor seemed to appreciate our coming. I dread the reaction for her.

The Sunbeam Committee was appointed this afternoon; I shall have to be Chairman for a while, but mean to turn it over to Miss Hart, as soon as I can. Mrs. Worley is much impressed by Dr. Jones's little talks. She makes a good president. —— Hattie turned up all right, in time to take the children to Kindergarten.

Good night. I feel very tired, having straightened out two bureau drawers while the excitement caused by the afternoon's experience lasted. It has poured down rain all day long.

Your loving wife,

Eva B. Robertson.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION
A. T. ROBERTSON

Warrensburg, Mo.
~~Louisville, Ky.~~ Oct. 25 1905

My Darling: It seems a long way out here from her who is my glory and crown. It has rained — torrents and bridges are washed away and the R.R. tracks torn up — many floods. We crept along cautiously yesterday over the bad places which had been repaired. The rain stopped last night and this morning is clear and cold. A great crowd is here and we hope for a fine convention. Dr. Barton and Dr. Mabie spoke last night. I do not speak till Friday morning. I expect now to return for breakfast Monday morning.

I was very tired last night
had a good night's sleep.
My best love to Great Expectations.
I do not know if I can hear from
you or him. It will be too late
after I get this letter.
My warmest love to the children.
I miss them much when
I go away.

Your own
Lottie.

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November 1, 1905.

Prof. A. T. Robertson,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Robertson.-

I have just returned this morning from a conference in St. Louis with John Franklin and Dr. Johnston. We hope that the Seminary will not stand in our way in getting the Spurgeon library. The pressure is so strong in Missouri, and the feeling so dominant that William Jewell needs the library much more than the Seminary does, that we three fellows would almost have to become exiles if we let the library get away from us. Franklin thinks that on the merits of the case the decision is with William Jewell, and that we ought to have the library. I hope we can get it. The fact that we have the money already in hand, and that so many months have elapsed since the library was offered to the Seminary and nothing has been done, creates the impression in the minds of some that you all did not really intend to buy the library, and that you did not really care for it. We can satisfy you that we do want it and that it is going to be mighty hard for Missouri to give it up.

Yours with love,

J. E. Cook

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November 4, 1905

Rev. A. T. Robertson, D.D.,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Robertson:-

Your letter of the 2nd came duly to hand this morning enclosing leaflet on your new testament. I am writing today to Revell for his best figures on 100 copies. I think we can use that many this year. I can conceive of no one book that would be so valuable by itself to the ordinary man and young preacher. With your Harmony of the Gospels and this New Testament, a man of good common sense could keep out of the brush on nine-tenths of the every-day New Testament problems.

I am glad you enjoyed your visit with us, and only regret that you did not get to come by Liberty. We want you Seminary men to strengthen the link between us every day. It will probably be a good while before we are a full-fledged Theological Seminary. After that day comes it will be a great many years before we shall be prepared to give the Doctor's degree. We would use every honorable means to have our boys go to Louisville for their Doctor's degree after graduating in Theology here. Then too, we know that some of our Theological

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students who have taken their literary courses here would want to take their theology elsewhere. As matters now stand, we do not feel that our boys, after they leave us, are as safe anywhere else as they are in Louisville. We never intend to foster the spirit of rivalry. We only aspire to be modest co-workers.

Since writing you, a new situation has developed in regard to Spurgeon's library. In fact, the affair culminated only two hours ago, and I take this first opportunity to acquaint you with the situation. I suppose that by this time Mr. Bradford has passed the title of the library to William Jewell College, but believe me, so far as the Seminary and the college and the library are concerned, the situation is not in the least changed from what it was when we parted. The library in our hands will be subject to the same decisions and divisions that it would have been had it fallen first into the hands of the Seminary. We bought it to make sure that the library would get over on this side of the water. My understanding when we parted was that you were to close your option on the library and to hold the library until we could settle between ourselves the disposition of it. As I understood it,

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there was a possibility that the Seminary would not want it at all, and a certainty that in any event the Seminary and William Jewell were to agree upon some satisfactory division of the library, and the understanding was that you were to go ahead and close with Bradford.

Well, I came on home and told our people the situation, and it was entirely satisfactory to them, and there it rested. On last Wednesday afternoon, however, I was called to St. Louis in conference with Johnston and Franklin. It developed at that conference that Bradford had intimated that 400 pounds would buy the library and that the offer was open to anybody. So with the view of saving $500 on the library, and with the further view of discovering whether Bradford was really still offering to dispose of the library to any reputable buyer, our Executive Committee had Dr. Greene send the following telegram to our resident agent in London:

"Will Bradford sell Spurgeon's library to William Jewell for four hundred pounds cash? Cable".

Word came back that Bradford would sell William Jewell the library, but that five hundred pounds was the lowest cash price. This situation led us to believe that Mr. Bradford was not honoring your option and was trying to

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sell the library, and further we concluded that there must be some syndicate or institution there figuring on it, since Bradford, who was so anxious to sell for 400 pounds three months ago, had raised 100 pounds and was pretty cold and distant even at that figure, so on getting a cablegram this morning that Bradford would transfer the property to our agent if we cabled him at once that the money had been forwarded, we took the responsibility and forwarded the five hundred pounds, and so cabled Mr. Bradford.

Now the matter rests just where it did when we parted. It is possible that the Seminary will not want any of the books. In case the seminary wishes to divide the library with us, we can come to some understanding that will be satisfactory to all parties. Be sure of this however, that the fortuitous possession of these books by William Jewell College is not going to cause us to ask anything of the Seminary that we would not have asked had you closed your option as we had expected at Warrensburg, nor will the possession of the books lead us to decline to do anything that we would have done willingly had the books fallen toyour lot.

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While the present situation will be a surprise to you, I feel confident that the final results will be acceptable and satisfactory to you.

Yours affectionately,

J. E. Cook.
per. C.

JEC

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November 6, 1905.

Prof. A. T. Robertson, D.D.,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Robertson -

I wrote you at length on Saturday the new and unexpected situation that had developed in regard to the library. I am glad to get your letter of this morning, and hasten to reply. The situation remains unchanged and just as it was when we parted at Warrensburg. If the Seminary desires to divide the library with us we can settle that matter with satisfaction to both parties I am sure when Dr. Mullins comes back. There was nothing for us to do after we started to raise that money but to raise it, even though we didnot secure any part of the library.

Glad you had a good time at the Association, and I hope you will never come to Missouri again without counting on visiting William Jewell.

I spent a portion of yesterday reading Mullins' new book. I think the chapters on the different Philosophies are exceptionally fine. I have a mind to write a word for The Central Baptist on that particular

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portion of the book..

We are all well and send love.

Yours affectionately,

J. E. Cook

JEC

Brunswick, Md.,
Nov. 6, 1905.

Dear Dr. Robertson,

I can never get over my Seminary "fever." My feeling for the Seminary and for Mercer is quite different, that for the Seminary being much the stronger. How I longed for the old Hall the first week in October was a caution. I was real Seminary sick.

I was proud to note your safe arrival.

My work here is an iceberg, but it is drifting to tropical waters.

I love Brunswick; I love Maryland; I love the South; and I love the world.

Success to the Seminary.

Love to you.

Very truly yours,
B. D. Porter.

(over)

P.S.

Send my "Review and Expositor" to

B. D. Porter,
Brunswick,
Maryland.

I have not had my October number yet.

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Nov. 11, 1905.

Prof. A. T. Robertson, D.D.,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Rob:-

Your letter of the 8th came duly to hand. I am glad you see my points and give me credit for my good intentions. I knew you would do this. There are plenty of books and there is plenty of glory for us both in the Spurgeon library.

In consulting the custom-house authorities (for you know that we must get these books in duty free) I was advised to ship them in bond to Kansas City. They will come in bond then to Kansas City. It will take some time and trouble and a little expense to get them out of bond duty free, but I have followed t he exact directions given me by the surveyor of customs at Kansas City, and I feel sure we shall not have to pay any duty on these books.

Haven't heard a word from London since our last cable ten days ago. As soon as we hear anything will let you know.

With love,

Yours affectionately,

J. E. Cook.

Dic.-F.W.S.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATIONS
A. T. ROBERTSON

New Texarkana, Tex.

Louisville, Ky. Nov. 13 1905

My dear Wife:

We have had a fine day. Prestridge was on hand and we have talked a lot and read a lot. We are on time and we shall have a couple of hours in Texarkana. I shall try to call up Mrs. Patterson by telephone if I can. This ride across the Arkansas swamps is a very dreary one. I think I shall be tired enough to-night to sleep well. We reach Dallas for early breakfast. I do not know what reception I may get in Texas, but I shall do the best I can. I have read to-day

Coulson Kernahan's A Visit
without a Child and that
God amen for our children.
I like the narrative part
of Smith's In Days of
His Flesh much better
than the criticism. It has
many very fine points.
Give my best love to the
dear children and the
dear wife & mother.

Your Donnadieu

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATIONS
A. T. ROBERTSON

Memphis, Tenn.

Louisville, Ky. Nov. 13 1905

My Darling: The sun is bright and the air is crisp with frost. The leaves are beautiful with their autumn tints and much of the cotton is still unpicked. I have had a good breakfast and am ready to take a cab at the station for the Iron Mountain train. We are ten minutes late, but I judge that I shall make it and go on with Prestridge. I still have 24 hours of journey ahead of me. Cary last night wanted to know when Dallas, Tex., was. Safe. Prove you show it to the children.

It was and is always pleasant to fancy them all in my lap before they go to bed. I think & wonder of you and them. But I love you all with boundless passion and perhaps too much anxiety for my love & care of the children, the wee one too, and take all of me for yourself, dear. I love you in spite of all my unwisdom. We are going into the city now. Good bye & God bless you.

Your devoted

Husband

No more chicken-pox, though Nell says she feels itchy. John's is nearly all dropped off. I promised to send you these four rows of figures and see if you could tell who made each one — the point of astonishment being the excellence of Charlotte's.

Mrs. Woody came by to say that she had promoted Mrs. Harris to head the new arrangement for raising the

70 Dallas

1319 Third St.
Louisville, Ky.
Nov. 14, 1905.

Dallas
Lou
Sept

Dearest:

I went down to get that horrible letter out of the mail yesterday, but the postman had already taken it. I am afraid it only distressed you. I was miserably sick all day yesterday, but went to bed at seven, and feel much better today.

The children are quite well.

missionary money, being the "year" of the 12 "months" would volunteer to do their work without leaving us here. Mrs. W. has shown great tact in adjusting this first perilous situation.

It is a glorious bright day, and I feel much more hopeful than yesterday. This week seems already a year. Oh come back to me and I will be so good to you!

Your loving wife,

E. B. R.

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Dallas, Texas, Nov. 14 1906

Dear Ella!

I am very tired to-night & only write a line to say that we arrived safe this morning. It has been a good day at the Ministers meeting. I made a speech this morning. Had an hour with Mr Patterson at Waco.

Love to the children & yourself—

Affy, A. J. R.

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Dallas, Texas, Nov. 13 1903

My Darling!

We have had a good day. Prestridge made a good address on the World Congress. I hope to get my table & collection tomorrow. We had a little rally for the Sequinary men this afternoon. I still hope to leave Friday afternoon, but am not sure. I hope you are feeling better. I have just gotten your letter. I suppose none of the other children have the chicken pox yet. Everything will come all right, dear. My love to the children. I love you with all my heart.

Your devoted Husband.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 17 1905

My Darling:

Your nice letter with the children's figures came this afternoon. I do not understand if Cary tried or not. If so I think at the first, then Nell, then Lottie, then Cary. If Cary is out of it, I can't tell. The second row is the best. I get my collection tomorrow morning & leave tomorrow evening via Rock Island for Memphis. I hope to be in time for late breakfast Sunday. Everything is in good shape for the Seminary. I doubt if I ever made a more important visit for the Seminary than this. We are making history. Prestridge has a hundred new subs

scribers & leaves to-night for Arkansas Convention. I made a little talk to the Sunday School Board this afternoon.

I suppose Dr. Mullins is back now. God bless him; we need him back.

I rejoice that you feel better. I hope you are keeping up your trade. Mr. L. B. Warren asked tonight how our beautiful boy (John) was. Mr. C. C. Coleman asked how our beautiful children were. I must have asked after you. We had an automobile ride over Dallas this afternoon with Mr. & Mrs. Leachman. I am anxious to get back to my loved ones. God keep you, sweetheart. Your own

Dormachie.

Telephone:
542 WANSTEAD.

London Baptist Association.

Secretary.
Revd John Bradford.

20th November, 1905.

My dear Dr Robertson,

Thank you for your letters. When I got the first cablegram I concluded that it must be in some way connected with my conversation and offer of the Library to you. I did not see how anybody else could have sent it, as I had confined myself entirely to you and friends who were associated with you at the Congress here. I was glad to be able to close the matter with the William Jewell College on receipt of your two letters, and I am very delighted to think that you were able to make an arrangement together, which will be to your mutual satisfaction. It has been, as you know, a labour of real love to me.

I felt that the Puritan Library, whatever happened to the other sections, should be kept together. I still think that, whichever of you may get it. The general literature, of which there is a wide variety, is easier to deal with.

I warmly congratulate you both on getting what I fondly hoped at one time we might keep together here in England. English Baptists, however, are poor. The dollar is scarcer with us than with you.

I hope Mrs Robertson and the children are quite well. I remember with great delight the fellowship at Chautauqua.

Please accept my warmest regards, and if you see Dr and Mrs Prestridge at all, kindly give them my warmest salutations. It was a very great pleasure to meet you all.

Yours very sincerely,

W. W. Bradford

See
J. E. Cook

Rev. A. T. Robertson, D.D.

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November 24, 1905.

Prof. A. T. Robertson,

Louisville Ky.

Dear Robertson -

I am glad Dr. Mullins is back safe and sound. It preserves the balance of the Christian world better to have him on the other side of the sea, but it feels better to have him on this side.

There is nothing further that I can tell you about the library. When it will be shipped I do not know. Shall be glad to go over the matter with Sampey when he comes. I do not think the library will be here much before the 1st of February. We have received no catalogue as yet.

It is going to be a difficult matter, I am afraid, to divide the library. The sentiment in Missouri is much against it. I wish you great-hearted fellows at the Seminary would bid us God speed with the whole of it.

Our enrollment is still climbing. We have now 350, and 150 ministerial students. The Argus was in error when it stated 170. You are going to get all

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of our boys that go to a Seminary, if I can accomplish that result. I can not see for the life of me why a man would want to go to any other Seminary. A fellow would never think of going anywhere else except for the financial inducements offered I am afraid.

With love to all friends and to your family, I am

Yours affectionately,

J. E. Cook

JEC-MC

Pollock, La., Box 504,
Nov. 27, 1905.

Prof. A.T. Robertson,
Louisville,
Ky.,

Dear Professor,

Needing some information, I know of no one who is more prepared to give it, and so I ask the favor of you, that you will please tell me the best books to obtain and study for my needs.

As you will perhaps remember I did not know anything of Greek when I came to the Seminary in 1891, and very little when I left in 1894 as for that, not having an opportunity for a college preparation. But in the years following, during a varied ministry, I have endeavored to add such information to my

small stock as would be helpful in preaching the word of the Lord. And while I do appreciate my course at Louisville, yet I am not content even now to go no farther in grasping after a true comprehension of the truth, and I will tell you the books I have and will you please point out the best books to follow in my study. I have Had. & allen Gr. Gr., WoH. N.T., Diaglot., Boise's Notes on Paul's Eps., Warfield's Text. crit., Kuhner's Gr. Gram. abgd., Lid. & Sc.'s Gr. Lex., abgd., Thayer's Gr. Lex., these are my Thesaurus in Greek., and thanks to the great help of you and Dr. Broadus I hope I have made some headway in these. But I wish to further Tex. crit. study, having books thereto, and one of a collocation of N.T. pass. of various alternative readings etc.; and also the Septuagint. Books are ever being added, some out of print, and I can not decide from my limited view which books will be best for one

who can only purchase limitedly, and at various times.

Knowing you have your time ever filled, yet I hope you will be able to spare time to point out as I need. Your "Syllabus" on Greek Syntax, N.T., I will need of course.

May the Lord ever bless your labors in his name, and grant you his watchful support, and may the students there now be greatly helped, all "who have believed through grace". Very sincerely,

your brother,

C. E. Hughart.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Nov. 30, 1905.

My dear Dr. Robertson,

I thank you for your kind words under date of the 27th. It would have given me a genuine pleasure to greet you all in Louisville again, especially your own household.

About the publication of my lectures in the Review & Expositor, I must say that I am hardly in position to accept your proposition. The MS is now in the hands of a N.Y. publisher for examination with a view to publication in a volume, & I cannot be said to be in control of it. I was most kindly received everywhere on this lecture trip.

Sorry we cannot expect you at the Convention & the "execution" of this scribe.

Greet Mrs. Robertson in my behalf.

Cordially yours,

W. L. Poteat.

SAINT FRANCIS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH,
W. J. E. COX, PASTOR. 305 ST. FRANCIS ST.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 1, 1905.

Dr. A. T. Robertson,
Norton Haal,
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Brother:

You no doubt know something about the Selma University, which is our Colored Baptist state school. They have a theological department but have practically no reference books. I am going to undertake to raise a little money with which to purchase some reference books for them. I will greatly appreciate it if you will suggest two or three commentaries that you consider the best for such a purpose.

Very cordially yours,

W. J. E. Cox.

I appreciate your prompt reply to a former request.

Columbia, S. C.

Dec. 5. 1905.

Dear Doctor A. J.

The Convention is drawing to a close – Tuesday at 11 a.m. Have gotten 48 reg + 93: only few remain.

I leave at 3.10 p.m., spend night at Greensboro, + leave 7:30 am, arriving at Raleigh 10:30.

This a good Convention. Added a S.S. fried man – Corpening + an Asst. Sec. to Bailey.

Frost says he had an hour with Barr who wants a Sy. S.S. man. Frost led him up to suggesting Watts, + Frost is delighted. Fred. hinted was afraid Eaton wd. not permit him to be affected. If I may is open, we must get Watts. Broadway can easier get another. That wd. be great! What with the proposed Conservation movement offers much hope, a needed reaction from Russellville. The state is yet half hashed from Russellville. We must get up a reactionary stimulant.

Patterson went home Sunday with Cody, because he had a threatened stroke, paralysis, in his face. Cody is greatly honored.

I see Balfour has fallen!

Convention goes to Spartanburg – Roper.

Mrs. P. writes that Henning had a big ad. & spoke with enthusiasm. I am anxious to get back. Busy for getting things in shape.

Yours
J. P. Cheatham

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the Inauguration of
William Louis Poteat
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December 7, 1905.

Dr. A. T. Robertson,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Robertson:-

Your favor of December 4th is at hand today and reveals a situation that is a surprise to me. On November 4th Mr. Bradford wrote the following letter.

London, Nov. 4, 1905.

" To President Greene, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Greene:

I have much pleasure in accepting your offer of Five Hundred pounds for the late Mr. Spurgeon's Library. I am delighted, as we are too poor to keep it in one of our English Baptist Colleges, that it will be enshrined in a college which Mr. Spurgeon himself would I feel sure from my personal knowledge of him have been glad to honour. This has never been a commercial transaction with me; had it been I could easily have made a considerable profit by scattering the volumes through the market, but this would have been to me a sin.

My friend Dr. Thirtle will arrange with me for speedy transit.

I am, Dear Dr. Greene,

Your unknown but appreciative friend,

John Bradford,

Sec'y of the London Baptist Association,

Baptist Church House,

4 Southampton Row, London."

From this you see that before your letters reached him, Mr. Bradford had accepted the offer of William Jewell College, and had passed the title to us,

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with the expressed understanding that the Library was to be enshrined in William Jewell College. He also expressed his satisfaction in this fact, because William Jewell and Spurgeon possessed the same spirit. The acceptance of Mr. Bradford was cabled to us, the money was forwarded, Mr. Bradford was so cabled, and the bargain was entirely closed before your letter reached Mr. Bradford. His letter does not state that he had not sold the library to William Jewell College prior to the receipt of your letters, and knowing the circumstances as I do I know he did not mean to convey any such impression to you. The library was sold and the money was forwarded and Mr. Bradford had received notice that the money was forwarded before your letters came. He evidently means to say that your letters did not offer any bar in right or in justice to his accepting our draft, which came within a few days after the receipt of your letters. Instead of proving that Mr. Bradford considered that you had an option on the books, this fact proves to my mind that Mr. Bradford did not admit that you had an option on the books, for he distinctly says in his letter to you that there was nothing between you and him that convicted him of

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having done wrong in selling the library to William Jewell College, or that ought to prevent him from completing the transaction by cashing the draft when it arrived. He evidently uses the word close in the sense of finish, for while the bargain was made prior to the receipt of your letters, of course the transaction was not completed until the draft had been cashed, which was done evidently within a day or two after the receipt of your letters.

Upon the receipt of our first cablegram Mr. Bradford no doubt had a good many surmises, and among other things he must have surmised, as he says, that possibly our cablegram might have had some connection with his conference with you and Dr. Johnston. He did not know, as you do, that Dr. Johnston is a Trustee of William Jewell College, and that he has no official connection with the Seminary. At the Baptist Congress the sale of Mr. Spurgeon's Library was a public proposition and many Americans were aware of the fact. No doubt Mr. Bradford also surmised that our proposal had come because Mr. Spurgeon's Library was on the open market, and while Mr. Bradford himself may not have offered the library to any other American, there were two other

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members of the Library Committee, Rev. Professor Hackney and Rev. T. Greenwood. To quote the exact words of Dr. Thirtle, who handled this matter for us: "I inquired after the library. I found that it was still in the market, first come first served". As a matter of fact the information that the library was on the open market reached Mr. Franklin, our Trustee, about the last of July past.

You will readily see that things do not stand with either of us as they did when we parted at Warrensburg. Unknown facts have developed, new situations have arisen, and we are facing a condition entirely different and unexpected by any of us. The library is now the property of the Trustees of William Jewell College and beyond my personal control. What can be done depends entirely upon our ability to satisfy them of the reasonableness and justice of our proposals. There is an intense feeling in Missouri against parting with a single one of the books. This feeling I am willing to brook and to seek to change. I want the Seminary to have a large number of those books. There are enough for us all and I love the Seminary and shall ever love it and all of its Professors, two or three of them like brothers.

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I hesitate even to propose to our Trustees the giving up of the Puritan Library. I feel satisfied that our people will never willingly surrender the Puritan Library. They will feel that as the books were on the open market, and as the Seminary had had several months in which to buy the Library if it had wanted it, and as William Jewell had raised the money and had assumed the obligations and had taken the risk of getting the library to this country, William Jewell could not reasonably be asked to surrender the Puritan section. We have information also from London that if we had not acted promptly the books would likely have been lost to both of us. Mr. Thomas Spurgeon had a buyer, we are told, the very day that the acceptance of our offer was published in the London papers. This publicity has also complicated t he situation. It was a big thing in London, and the London papers made a good deal out of it, in particular The Christian of London, which published a long editorial that went broadcast over England and America. The reading world has come to believe that William Jewell has the Spurgeon Library. It will be very difficult

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for us under these circumstances to give up any portion of it, and impossible for us to give up the Puritan section. This is the way I feel about it personally.

We will give Sampey a royal reception socially, and will give him a "square deal" on the library question when he comes. In the meantime let us work out as many of the complications as we can before February and have the matter simplified to its last analysis when Sampey takes it up with our Executive Committee.

I appreciate your words of love and can go you one better, for I know I admire and love you better than you possibly could me, for I have just as much capacity, perhaps, for loving as you have and a much finer object for my affections.

Yours as ever,

J. E. Cook

JEC:MC

Dallas, N. C.
Dec 9, 1905

Dear Bro Robertson:-

As an old student and an admirer of yours I wish to make a very earnest request of you concerning the enclosed tract by one H. M. Brown, a Lutheran preacher. These tracts are being scattered through these parts to the hurt of the Baptists. While its glaring inconsistency may tempt you not to do so, yet recognizing the vast need of it, and your efficiency also in such matters, I beg you to accept and give us in tract form a thorough refutation of his treatise, giving author, page, etc.

If you will do so, I pledge myself to sell 500 of them for you for nothing, and send you the money as they are sold. You can doubtless get them up so as to sell them for 50 or 10 cts each. If you are not disposed to have it published, then "Review" it, send me the MSS, and I will publish it—(have it done) sell the 500 and give you half of whatever I get for the 500, me paying the cost of publication. Say I sold them for 5 cts each, then I would return you $12.50. Say 10 cts each, then I return you $25.00 &c. Now please let me have an early hearing from you, and I trust a favorable one

If I did not from a most conservative view believe most profoundly that you could serve the cause of truth immeasurably by so doing I would not think of making such a request. You have the authorities by you and can soon make an efficient and satisfactory reply or rather a refutation.

Thanking you in advance

I am,

Fraternally,

J. L. Tipperman

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dec. 11, 1905.

Rev. A. T. Robertson, D. D.,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Doctor Robertson:-

I thank you for your letter of the 7th inst. and the kind assurance that it brings. I am glad to know that Mercer men have made a good record at the Seminary, and I trust that we may send you our best from year to year.

Appreciating your cordial remembrance,

I remain,

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours, Chas. Lee Smith

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Prof. A. T. Robinson,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, we would say that we shall be glad to receive from you an article on " John the Baptist as a Preacher", also "Christ's Disappointment in the Apostles". These articles we would like to have you keep within 1500 words; and if you can furnish them to us some time during the spring of next year, it will suit our plans.

We are quite sure that you are mistaken when you said in your letter that we offered a cent a word. We have referred to our letter of A ugust 11th, and find that it distinctly states that for articles in our BiblicalDepartment, we pay at the rate of one half cent (1/2¢) a word. This is our usual rate for articles appearing in this department, and we hope that it may be satisfactory to you.

Very sincerely yours,

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW,

per- Robert Scott

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Dec. 20. 1905.

My dear Mrs. Robertson:-

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the privilege of being in your home. Your thoughtful courtesy added greatly to the pleasure of my visit in Louisville, and I greatly appreciate your kindness. May all blessings abide in your home.

Yours Most Sincerely.

Lathan A. Crandall.

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Dear Dr:-

I am down here for a day or two with my old people.

Have seen sample of some unusually fine oranges, & am sending you a box. Hope they will ship according to samples.

As the Ex. Co. has an absent minded of collecting at both ends, I take the liberty of enclosing Express Rect. —

Respectful regards to Mrs Robertson & love to the little folks —

Resp & Affy — L. B. Warner

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Prof. A. T. Robertson,

Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Brother:

You have spoken before the Baptist Congress and know its nature and purpose. We are making an earnest-and necessary-effort to enlarge its membership. It is not an organization that can expect "popular" support-its friends must be few-and among them, as the enclosed list shows, are some of the best men of our denomination. Will you allow us to enroll you as a life member, paying $5 per year, or at least as an annual member, paying $2 per year, and send check accordingly? You can also help by sending us names as per enclosed statement and card.

Confiding in your interest in the Congress and your willingness to give it the needed support,

Yours,

W. B. Matteson

Treasurer.