Burlington, Vt.
Aug. 2, 1859.

Rev. T. Baldwin.
Dear Sir,

I have not been prepared to answer your letter until today, although received a week ago. It seemed at first likely to produce the impression that you do not approve of my efforts to place me in a position of antagonism to the Society. I deplore this as an injury to the Society and myself. As the matter now stands the public will suppose my effort in harmony with the Society's operations as the signed of that paper, while your article will bring out the fact that such an effort as almost anyone would say ought to be consistent with my relations to you is not so, and will lead to an examination of the motives, indeed of the Society's formation which will be likely to injure it—though there is no blame but with the public who have not assisted in carrying out its liberal plans.
It seems to me that the plans of the Society are
good—aiming at a completion of the endowments
for the College East of the Mississippi. But if the
Donor will not come up to the mark so en-
able the Society to help me—The only consistent
way is for the Society to let me help myself. The
more distinctly it is an isolated effort—especially
the better it will be for them. I hope you
will not force me to a public defense of my po-
dition. I feel very confident that I shall secure
the sympathy of the public. While if I can go
on quietly the Society will really find my
efforts' true in their check as Mr. Hires said.
I might write at some length viewing the
matter in different lights but it is unnecessary.
It is the opinion of Dr. Wheler another here of
Dr. Blagdon, who asked me to say so from
him to you—of Prof. Shedd & Phelps of
Anderson that it is inexpedient to publish
the article you sent; that it is for the in-
terest of the Society as well as myself to let
me go on without any public discussion.