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New York Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1858  
Rev S.H. Marsh

Dear Br

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> ult came duly to hand. I have applied to David Hoadley Esq Pres of the Panama R.R. Co & he has interested himself in securing for you a free passage to New York. He said at once that they would pass you over the Railroad free & he has obtained the consent of the owner of the Steam Boat Line on the Pacific side to do the same provided the Owners of Steam ships on this side will do the like thing I have just seen Mr. Hoadley & it is not yet certain whether he will bring the matter to a conclusion before the sailing of the Steamer today. I have little doubt however that the thing can be brought about

I wrote you once that I thought favorably of your coming East & I think so still -- If it would not however make a very essential difference I should greatly that you defer your actual start till after the Annual Meeting of our Board. Which occurs on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of next month. You cannot now in any event get here in season to attend that meeting and there would be no very special importance in it so far as the interests of your Institutions are concerned as we have your own letters on hand & by the last steamer received a very strong & well prepared appeal from Br Atkinson moreover I look forward to that meeting as a very important one—principles are to be settled & perhaps policy greatly modified The Denominational question is in reality before the Board & besides a scheme is coming up in my own mind--which if matured & then sanctioned by the Board will lead to important modifications

The scheme in brief would be this--to get individual subscriptions running for not less than three years--applicable either to the general purposes of the Society-- or to individual Institutions--multiplying them if possible till they shall be adequate to meet the wants of the Society for the time being

Then suppose you were to come on & work till you had secured subscriptions amounting to \$1200 a year & running through, say three years at the shortest--having it understood that if the subscribers, any of them die in the meantime, their subscription shall be null--& also that they have the privilege of discontinuing the subscriptions any year-- In such a case it would be the work of the Society to get some other person or persons to fill the vacancy--It is easy to see that in this way you would make the most of your agency while here & you would if successful create the very "certainty" that Prof L. wants & you want-- I hope he will hold on.

Times are beginning to change for the better here and there would be an advantage in delay-- We shall probably have something to send you in addition before the close of our current year--

But it is now after 12 o'clock & I must see Mr. Hoadly--

Mr. H says if he gets a favorable answer he will himself forward it free of expense-- It will be too late for me

I shall deliver this letter to Br Atkinson & request him to forward it to you-- This will post him up as to matters & save me the writing of another letter What is the name of your Post Office?

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Sincerely Yours,  
Theron Baldwin

PS I enclosed your free pass--so will send direct to you & you can write Mr. Atkinson.

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