

Rev. Mr. Margart

Lexington June 30, 48

Dear Brother,

I cannot let Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ return without giving him a line to you. Though you have not received a line from me in some time, still I can affirm you, I have frequently thought of you and your present situation & that of your family. To advise you is a difficult thing because I am not acquainted with the detailed circumstances as they are now. However, it appears to me that a change of place might be advantageous to you in more than one respect, and I am a little disappointed when I learnt from you that a missionary appointment would not suit you. Well, you have no doubt weighed all circumstances, and I hope your calculation won't deceive you but rest assured that I shall always feel a deep interest in your welfare.

As for me and mine I have not much to say, or walk the old, long trodden path, we become older every day; but God has hitherto preserved my health and mental faculties, so that I can discharge the duties of my office. But how long this will be is impossible for me to say. Mrs. Hair, is this person, and a good deal better than family, and I hope that she may yet spend her last days in some comfort as to health. We are now in the midst of examinations with classes \_\_\_\_\_ from morning to night, you will therefore receive only this short note which however will show you, that my affection toward you is the same that it always was and that I shall continue to rejoice in your prosperity and to participate as a Christian friend in your trials. Due respects to Mrs. Margart and to all in quieting friends & believers to be with brotherly kindness.

Your fellow laborer in the gospel

Ernest L. Hazelius

P.S. Will you please inform Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ that I have laid his letter before the Missionary committee ; the following resolution has been adopted: that the acquaintance with Mr. Bailey is not such, as to call us to employ him now as a missionary.

E.L.H.