

To Mr Stone.

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We do not present the foregoing as a petition to the Trustees. It is an honest expression of our opinion & desires. If our views should be needed during the meeting of the Board this will be in no wise. You can make such use of it as you please. As this has not been called for by the Faculty we wish if it is not needed, that the whole may rest in the bosoms.

Some of those whose names are appended to this paper were formerly dissatisfied with the religious instructions of the Faculty especially of Prof Green. They as sincerely wished, as any other that this kind of instruction should cease. They are now convinced that they were in an error - that their opposition was unwise. They are ready, if called upon to testify to the truth this assertion.

We the undersigned on account of papers being
circulated among the students for their signature, as
expressive of their wishes, & views respecting the
preaching of our beloved pastor - believing also that
it is the wish of a part of the Trustees that the students
should express their feelings, & as signing those papers
which have been circulated would not express our views,
We therefore state in the following our opinions.

1 It is our opinion that our beloved pastor has not
dwelt on the merits of Colonization, or Abolition
in his public ministrations, but has preached to us
the foundation principles of Christianity. - We acknowl-
edge that the principles of eternal truth brought
forward in Prof. Green's sermons have somewhat militated
against the horrid system of slavery, with its supporters
& apologists, as existing in our country. But if it does,
we hold that it is not the preacher who declares the truth
that is to be blamed, but the ~~people~~ is in the fault, if either
We believe also that the exhibition of these truths has
not been ill timed, but at the very time we needed them.
We believe also that our pastor & the other members of the
faculty have a much worried solicitude for ^{the student's} good &
& for the benefit of this institution than any other men
in the world. Also that by their experience, & by the
responsible situation in which they are placed they are
far better qualified to judge what is for our good, & for the
best interests of this institution than the students, or any
other individuals ~~are~~.

We believe that the present excitement & unwise state
of things, in regard to this College, was principally
brought about ~~not~~ by our faculty, but by ~~the~~ college agents.
And if the institution is injured the blame should not
be charged on our faculty.

We believe also that the disaffected students have
become so principally from foreign influence, as to
in regard to one of the petitions this fact has been
acknowledged. They have also acknowledged the truth
of the discourses which have ^{been} preached in the College
Chapel, but have denied their applicability to the
Colonization scheme, yet at the same time they have
applied it all to themselves, then have found fault with the
application.

Furthermore, we most earnestly desire that the
judicious cause pursued by our instructors in their
public religious exercises may be persevered in.
We wish so, because, these instructions (we speak
from experience) are adapted to fill the soul with
that expository benevolence which the gospel
requires; - to arm the Christian arm with ever
for every good work; - & to settle on a firm basis
firm as ~~Rock~~ those principles of
action, by which men should be governed.

Names

Chas. M. Weston.
Isaac Bigelow
J. G. Beacock
James A. Weston.
John Fayette
Joseph McCora
Benj. S. McCord
Benjamin Page
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Russell Sudley
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Lucius Mills
Luther Postter