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Dr. J. W. Dewolke

My dear Sir, I desire to express to you the unanimous and cordial desire of the Professors of the Theological Seminary that you may see your way clear not only to accept the professorship recently tendered to you in the College in this place but that you may likewise consent to take a permanent lectureship in our Seminary. From the moment that the apprehended vacancy in the Geological Instruction of the

College turned the thoughts of its guardians to yourself, we eagerly seized upon the hope that an important gap in our Theological course might thus be filled. The Relations of Physical Science to the Bible has become a subject of such pressing consequence and the impression has been so scandalously and widely circulated that these are critical if not inhumanous, that we feel it to be very desirable that our students should not be left loosely to gather up what they can for themselves, but

should be regularly instructed in
the whole subject. This to be done
effectively and authoritatively
to be by one like yourself who is prac-
tically familiar with scientific
studies in their details and
their latest forms and well authen-
ticated results. There are upwards
of one hundred young men in
training for the ministry, and
the influence exerted upon them
and through them in favour of
correct views on this subject
will be very great. Unfortunately
if theologians are apt to be misled

and narrow in their treatment
of scientific questions, scientific
men are often destitute of that
thorough faith in the Word of God,
which will preserve them from
idle and pernicious speculations.

If we could have a man like
yourself combining accurate
scientific knowledge with a
profound reverence and love for
the Scriptures and a strong
attachment to the Westminster
Confession, we should have just
the person to whom we would
wish to confide our candidates
for the ministry.

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Our Board of Directors have not met since this matter has been suggested, but a sufficient number have been consulted to show that there is but one mind among them, and that if there is any chance of your accepting it, a permanent lectureship will be created on the subject named with an income of \$1,000 per annum and offered to you. As to the extent of the course, the range of topics and the number of lectures to be given no details have been arranged,

but the whole thing would be left
very much to be shaped by yourself
at your own discretion. It has
occurred to me that you might
deliver, if so disposed, one lecture
per week through our term,
say 3 lectures more or less. These
could be given to some one class,
or better perhaps to the whole
body of the students, in which
case you could have 3 courses
for three successive years, so
that each student during
his residence in the Seminary
could have the opportunity

of hearing the whole. This would enable you to go more into detail, if you choose. The whole range of Physical Science in its bearings upon the Bible, would be open to you - not only Geology, but Biology, Anthropology & if you choose Astronomy - These could be discussed not only in the present aspect of these sciences, as the one hand the alleged oppositions, as the other the positive proofs of God's Being and attributes in the evidences of Design.

but also in the past history of the
subject, the attitude of scientific
investigators toward religion and the
influence of Christianity in promoting
or shaping physical inquiries. There
is a field ample enough and I
should suppose to are of your tastes
and requirements sufficiently at-
tractive. Its extent need not be
appalling, for as I said the whole
matter would be left very much
to be shaped by yourself. I merely
indicate the range within which you
can make your own selections & impose
your own limitations. With very
pleasant recollections of your brief visit
a few years since, and a very earnest
desire that you may consent to associate
yourself with us permanently, I am
Yours very truly
H. Dewey Green