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My dear Will.

I was delighted to see that you had been appointed to Wycliffe, may you long flourish there and only be removed, like your worthy predecessor, to adorn the Episcopal bench. You ask me for a rough sketch of my courses of lectures. Our course extends over three years. The Vice-Principal takes all the First year subjects, see a list of them on p 5 of the prospectus.

I lecture to the Second and Third year men on the subjects set for the Oxford & Cambridge Preliminary. I always devote two lectures a week to General Bible work, modelling my lectures on the General Bible paper set in that exam. I take Old Test. one year, and New Test. the next. I take the Second & Third year men together in Greek, lecturing on the set gospel one year and on the set epistles the next year. I do the same with the special O. T. book and the book of the Psalms. Church History is also a common lecture, I lecture twice a week during the Easter & Trinity terms, taking English History one year, and the first four centuries the next. The Prayer Book I cover in one year, the Second Doctrine covers three years. In the First year men get up my book, In the Second year I lecture on Pearson, In the Third year I take the Introduction to the Articles and the history of the doctrines contained in them. I am sending you a copy of last term's time-table.

I lay great stress on the devotional side of the College course. The Sunday morning service I look upon as very important and I always feel the great responsibility of preaching at that service. I always take the address at the Friday Prayer-meeting myself; at the Tuesday meeting visiting clergymen are generally invited to speak. I generally give a short exposition of some verse in the second lesson at Evening Prayer. At the last Prayer-meeting of the term just past we had a wonderful time. It opened as dead as dead could be; only one man would pray. Then the Vice-P. gave a most searching address which was followed by a regular breakdown. The men were praying all over the chapel. One man whom I had been praying for all through the term, feeling that he had got off the lines and was hindering the spiritual life of the College, broke down and made a complete confession. He was followed by three others. When the meeting broke up for dinner these men stayed on in the chapel, and went without their dinner. There has been a different atmosphere in the College ever since. We had a most blessed convention here on June 5th. I sent out the following circular.

Dear Brother. The growth of formality and the spread of unbelief in the professing Church at the present time, necessitate that those who fear the LORD and are waiting for His Son from heaven, should be brought more together. We are living in times when we cannot walk alone. We need to build up one another and pray for one another.

I have been led to invite a few brethren who are of one mind in the things of God, to spend a quiet day at the College for conference and prayer... The invitation is confined to men, and I feel that those who accept it should be prepared to attend all the meetings of the conference. Yours in the blessed hope N Jones.

About 80 gathered in response to the circular, Churchmen Congregationalists Baptists Presbyterians and Plymouth Brethren. I don't think we had any Methodists; they don't like the doctrine of the Second Coming. It was a day to be remembered. The evening meeting was an open meeting for any one to testify pray or sing as led. I just read the first five verses of the hundred and fifth psalm as a programme and then let the meeting take its own course quaker fashion. At 9 p.m. we finished up with shortened Evening Prayer in the chapel, and it was a treat to hear that company of all sorts joining in the C of E service. They sang and responded as if they had been used to it all their lives.

Thank you for your books. I am delighted with them. I analysed 1 Peter with my men about two years ago, but not so thoroughly as you have done still it is remarkable that our minds run very much in the same groove and our methods of exegesis are similar. I am sending you a small book of Bible Readings which I have just had published. The third is on 1 Peter I 13-21. you will notice that our analyses are to some extent similar. Now, after reading your book I should group the whole of 1 Pet. I. 13-II 3, around the five imperatives enjoining hope v 13, holiness v. 15, fear v. 17, love v. 22, & spiritual appetite II 2. I am recommending the book to the clergy. Your "Catholic Faith" is excellent, and is circulating well out here. Archdeacon Bannister of Hong Kong who has been here on a visit was speaking of translating it into Chinese. It is a splendid handbook for confirmation classes, a thing that has been badly needed.

About my book on the Articles. I do not see my way at present to prepare a book on the lines you suggest. I am at a disadvantage out here not having access to libraries, and one must be sure of one's ground in writing on controversial subjects. You remember President Routh's advice to Burgon, "Always verify your quotations".

My inclination leads me to write, not so much for the student, as for the ordinary Christian who knows little of scientific theology or technical terms. Who is not anxious to know what men have wrangled about in the past, but who says "tell me simply what I must believe".

I was preaching in a Sydney Church the other day when the widow of dear old John Price came and introduced herself to me. She came out here some years ago on account of her daughter, who is, like her father, consumptive. She has been maintaining herself by taking a situation as housekeeper. I had a letter only yesterday from an old Oswestry curate, Taliesin Davies. He tells me that he is now a widower with six children. I was only thinking the other day the traditions of Cuthbert & Cashel are lost so far as Oswestry is concerned, but by the grace of God we will keep them alive you in Oxford and I in Australia. I owe much to Cashel, and indirectly to Cuthbert

Yours N Jones