

November 2, 1840

New Haven the Sun. Nov 2. 40

Mr Lewis Tappan
New York.

Dear Sir

I rec'd your letter of the 16. th but did not
reply to it because you requested me only
on condition of my acceding to your wishes -
which I can not do. The Sec's of the A. B. C. S.
wishes me to give some attention to the study of
medicine - I am at present attending Medical Lect-
ures in this city & can have no opportunity after
the present season - therefore I can not leave -
But I will do this if you wish. I will go
out on Saturday P.M. & spend the Sabbath in my town
so near that I can return on Monday morning.

This proposition I have made to Dea Townsend & have
just repeated it in conversation with Mr Jocelyn &
in accordance with Mr J's request I write you stat-
ing the same things.

As I have lived in the State of New Hampshire & have
been here but a short time I have but little acquaint-
ance with the neighboring Clergy - probably the
Eminence might prepare the way for my going better
than I could myself.

As ever yours most sincerely
my circumstances are such that I should ^{be} W. B. Lyris would
refuse other offers for the sake of doing this. I shall
be under the necessity of asking some small compensation. - if I succeed.

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Nov. 24/20

Can you only see the subject

and

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Col. J. H. ...

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