

September 18, 1917.

Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D.,  
Union Theological Seminary,  
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Moore:

As you are, I understand, chairman of a committee to select a president to succeed Dr. Graham at Hampden-Sidney College, I am writing to ask if the choice has been <sup>made</sup> and also if the committee will consider a layman for the position.

Being a Presbyterian I am naturally especially interested in our church college, and should like to see it grow in usefulness and be altogether worthy of our great church. I trust you may not consider me presumptuous in expressing an opinion that it might be well for the trustees to seriously consider putting one who is not a minister at the head of the institution. In saying this I do not in any sense wish to be understood as undervaluing the service of the eminent ministers who have occupied this important and honorable position. I am merely thinking of the fact that sometimes one who perhaps would be the best man for such a position is not given serious consideration because of the fact that he is a layman.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may feel disposed to give me concerning the matter, and with high regard,  
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

B/J