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Dear John Allen:

Thank you sincerely for your most welcomed letter of November 4th. I was here for only one service, one days service before I was called back to Lebanon for a funeral. One of our close friends, Brother Walter Lea, passed away at the mid-night hour Friday and they sent for me to conduct his service Monday afternoon.

I too count it a signal honor in numbering you among my closest friends, and I am one of your greatest admirers for your ability and your work's sake.

I do not know what progress has been made at College Street in the selection of my successor. Last Wednesday night they interviewed and heard Brother Leon Burns from Johnson City. He is a man of about sixty and is an excellent speaker but has also sustained a stroke and is somewhat impaired according to my information. I doubt seriously that either the elders or the congregation would select him.

Bobby Brooks has already been contacted but I think it staggered our men when he stated his desired salary. Something will work out I trust for the mutual benefit of all concerned in Lebanon. We enjoyed so very much the seven years and one month that we spent with them and truly we left a big part of us when we came out here.

I look forward with fond anticipations to our work here and will do my very best to make Jefferson grow and take her rightful place among the great churches in this section. Please come to see us any time you can and perhaps I will get to see you briefly during the Abilene Lectures if not before.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Smithson, Jr.

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