

Mrs Freeman

Wellesley College.

President's Office.

Wellesley, Mass., Feb. 26th 1884

My dear President Tugell,

It was very pleasant to see your familiar writing on an envelope returned for this week, and good to have a word from you. I am very much surprised that you have had no official letter from the Board of Trustees. They elected you at the October meeting, and expressed to me the warmest hope that you would permit your name to be printed on that Board, and give us the benefit of your advice, though so far away, at such intervals with the other gentlemen. I am sure the Secretary would have sent you a letter to this effect, though its whereabouts I am unable to tell. I hope that you will consent to advise us in the Departments of History and

Political Science, and allow us the
satisfaction of your name.

I wish to secure the best
assistant possible in the
History Dept., and naturally
turn to our Alma Mater first.
Whom can you name for
this work? You know how
much importance we attach
to earnest Christian Character,
and to all the graces of woman-
hood. Indeed, find me a perfect
woman, and accomplished
teacher of History, Constitutional
and political. I have not seen
Miss Lucy Calverton for years.
Do you think she could fill
the position? And could she be
obtained? I know that she has
done most admirable graduate
work in this line, but I know
little about her in these last
years. And - in the deepest
confidence - do you know

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of a woman fitted to take the Professorship of Mental and Moral Science in this College? The work in Ethics and in Logic falls under her direct or indirect supervision. I do not believe any other Chair in this College is so difficult to fill as this, or so important to our interests just now. And I am at great loss to know where to find the character, experience and culture necessary.

Are you not going to find your way east before the year is over? It is so much wish to welcome you here, as you know. The invitation stands always, and at any time when you can come, we will have our doors wide open, and our fine audience ready. Shall it not be before the hurried days of the summer

come on? We are having & must
a disappointment in our
arrangements for Commence-
ment. How much I regret that
yours and ours fall on the same
week! What speakers have been
most satisfactory to you on
these occasions?

I have asked you too
many questions, I fear, and I
know how full your days are.
If you will consent to be an
adviser I will not repeat the
offense often. Though if I could
see you face to face, I would
make no promise of limita-
tion.

Pray forward my regards
to Mrs. Angell, and accept my
thanks for the report of the Library
Building Dedication exercises. Nothing
could interest me more than this
long needed addition.

Very sincerely, Alice E. Freeman