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New
David Young
May 48



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Dr Bro -
Garrison's May 9th & 48
Yours of 6th inst is before me
and just come to hand. Containing the
The Bishop's proposition Viz "To raise an an-
-nual conference, of one member from
each Annual Confer to meet once every
year. to hear & try appeals, to examine &
correct all the acts of the last Gen. Can.
& to correct until the next Gen. Conference
any act of the Gen. Can. which may be
in their judgment unconstitutional."
Now this to me looks like assuming it
is certain that each Gen. Can. will act as
they did in - 44. when they legislated pro-
-spectively; this was an egregious error! &
the above proposition as far as I can see
may have the way for perpetual wrong
doing. - Besides will not this new
annual conference virtually unmake
the Gen. Can. altogether, except the form
& name? Though it can only be some sort
of a committee!! Why should this Can.
committee or whatever you choose to call
it assemble every year if then it should be
no occasion for their meeting at all -
the idea of this little senate meeting by
themselves say 20 in number to judge
& undo the acts of 150 perhaps as well
& good as themselves, is very novel &
legislation. only - - - For the bearing
here seems to be on the Administration
- your executive department. The Episcopacy
- seems to wish to throw off the responsi-
- bility of deciding what is the law & con-
-stitution of the Church - & then your acts
are not conformable to either or both.
I might fill 3 sheets with details, but it
is entirely useless - & the mail is on its way

By this time you may ^{think} that I do not
think so well of the "Proportions" as you
could have wished, having taken it for granted
that something ought to be done!
In this I heartily concur. But there is a
better way of doing what we want done
less objectionable, less dangerous, very simple.
viz. Let the members of Gen. Con. like
members of deliberative bodies stand
eligible & liable to be called on any emer-
gency in the interval of Gen. Con.

Authorizing say 3 or more annual con-
ferences to call the attention of the
Episcopacy to any unconstitutional act of
the last Gen. Con. & if the Board of Bishops
concur with the A conference then let
them be authorized to appoint the time
& place for the meeting of the members
of the Gen. Conference, specifying the
particular case or cases to be acted on
prohibiting all other legislation by such
extra or called conference. For there is
always more danger of legislating too much
than too little.

Now this or something like it will
take no responsibility off Bishops —
It will not subject Gen. Con. acts to
tribunals for correction, which when done
some of the A conferences might not
confer.

It will not be legislating proscript-
ively — And may provide for all emer-
gencies. There are first thoughts with-
out time to examine them — if they
should be of service to you or the church
& on the Episcopacy to call the attention of Gen. Con.
conferences & there are the ^{number} of conferences con-
vening & —

I shall be glad

If I can serve you in any way
you are at liberty to keep me apprized
thereof — Send papers — write often —
not very well this year now, head aches
I am as ever Yours

B. Hinckley

D. D. Garrison

N.B. what we would the Old Gen. Con. be of
when the new annual on "Ties the appeals" &
"Corrects all the wrongs" 3 or 4 times over "every year"

P.S. Have come Dr. Bangs letter into the
last C. A. & Journal?