

Father

Aidan Beech 6<sup>th</sup> 11/89

I now have the pleasure to inform you that that difficulty which did exist between Mr. Baker <sup>myself</sup> and his wife settled and smoothed over in a manner quite satisfactory to me. The trustees met on Monday evening as was expected and the matter was thoroughly investigated (as I am confidentially informed by one of the trustees and therefore am unauthorised to mention what passed).

But you may be well assured that he got hard on me. But there are some things that I will mention to show his determination to keep <sup>me</sup> away if possible.

After the affair was got along with (as near as I can find out he brought in another charge that was the using of profane language in the constitution but this caused no great excitement in the minds of the trustees as there was no proof. As that went contrary to his wishes he hit upon another plan to see me him self (which he did) and ask so much of me that I would probably leave rather than consent to it. Now he would have succeeded had I not been quite confident that the trustees had decided <sup>against</sup> I should have dealt rather rash with him and by so doing would have given suspicion

reason for a dismissal - But after talking  
a little while he found that I knew the  
minds of the ~~masters~~ and finally <sup>said</sup> that  
I might come back if I would keep the  
conditions that he received me on a secret  
These conditions were no more or less than  
what I told him the morning that he  
dismissed me

But he asserted a dismissal of a Wright  
on the charge of abusing one of the students  
in his room and also of swearing

But he has come back and given him (the  
same that he asked of me) a written  
statement of his past conduct and a  
promise for the future

But he did not send that statement because  
he thought that he had done wrong,  
in doing what he did say, but because  
his father thought that he had  
better get back and then leave of his  
own accord - He expects to remain but  
a short time a week or two at the most,  
I think of pursuing the same course  
for I never can show him that respect  
that I should a teacher - neither can I  
bear as much as is sometimes necessary  
for it is not an ~~un~~ uncommon thing  
for the rules of the ~~university~~ to be violated

and lately for every little thing that is  
done amidst we have a long harangue  
and that before the whole school  
There has been considerable mischief done  
lately one way and another and Gordon's  
boarders have had to bear their share  
almost every morning we have something  
I do not feel like taking much from  
him - and think probably that I had  
better leave the school before long  
There are several <sup>other</sup> reasons why I think I  
had better leave

of the report is that I was placed back  
by the trustees it would <sup>be</sup> no injury to  
my character - but to the contrary  
I think it be an injury remain for  
it is already a subject of much remark  
among the people of the town  
Your advice is asked ~~and~~ respecting this and  
will be expected as soon as is convenient

Wm. Johnson