

Phil^a Dec. 12/45

Rev. E. Smith

Y^r Your very kind letter of the 29th ult. only reached us yesterday, having been detained by the heavy snowstorms with which we have been visited recently. For your kindness in transmitting the names of several new subscribers to the Herald I return you my sincere thanks, and shall surely be under still greater obligations if you succeed in procuring the number of subscribers you anticipate. This was calculated to dispel the gloom which the preceding mail brought, in a letter from my travelling agent who visited your establishment. He went to St. Louis and was disappointed in not receiving a box of Books which had been sent to meet him there but had not arrived. Hence the expenses, which were heavy, were not lessened in this way as he expected.

I have sent the papers to all whose names are contained in your letter, being with the 6th inst. not having any of the previous Nos. to send, owing to getting a No. of new subscribers since they were printed.

You desire that we will insert occasionally in the Herald a notice of the progress of your ^{the} different ^{branches} of your Establishment. This

shall be done - but you will, of course, furnish
the matter. Any information through the medium
of a communication, properly written, shall be inserted
without charge.

All advertisements, such as
that we have in ^{for the university} now, ^{we} shall be obliged to
charge for, ^{others would expect the same, & could} or we could fill our whole sheet. In
fact, we scarcely have room for advertising - hence we
do seek ~~them~~. adv^{ts}

Regarding your late Draft ^{given to Mr. Hagan} on Mr. Frenoy, on pre-
sently sh. to him, he desired me to write and say
to you he had not yet rec^d. any money for
your bill of 4. from France, in consequence of some
irregularity in endorsement or want of signature. He
therefore declined to pay it, but when I told him
I was very much pressed for money, he finally
did accept it on condition of my refunding the
same in case of any difficulty.

Wishing every success to your extensive Establish-
ment. I remain, Rev Sir

Yr ob^d. serv^t.

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