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May 13-03.

Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:-

Sorry not to have seen you. Will leave the item out as suggested. I have become very anxious to talk again to you about Hunt. Let me say:

1. My ideal for the man to represent that coming magnificent territory for the three boards gave me an extravagant ideal.

2. The reaction and general excitement in the atmosphere caused me to underestimate the man we talked about. I wish to accent what I said about his ability to move crowds. He is the best man I know to master a woods full of people.

3. I have had a long talk with Inlow about the work to be done, and learn that the man and Inlow will likely have the same office in Kansas. Inlow is judicious, etc. His being intimate with Hunt would act as a check on him.

4. Am I taking back what I said? Thank the Lord I can do that kind of a thing. He would offend the sensibilities of some folks and get in a little rumpus or two, but he would move the folks and move them tremendously. Inlow feels sure he can balance him up. Of course I did not talk to him as I did to you, by no means.

We had a great Convention, and I am yet enjoying it.

Yours sincerely,

*J. N. Prestridge.*

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Dr. J. M. Frost,  
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Dear Brother:-

Mr. E. W. Stephens took tea with me last night. He is not in favor of Hunt for the place. Said nothing against him, but brushed him aside as a possibility. Williamson took dinner with me to-day, and Hunt also. Williamson said: "You know Hunt. He has the same failings with us as with you. He is not cultivated and never will be, and cannot do the niceties, but Missouri knows him and appreciates him. Notwithstanding his blunders any of us would be glad to have him with us, and he is a great fit where most of the work is to be done."

Mr. Stephens authorized me to quote him as saying that Missouri is overwhelmingly Southern, and that the Convention ought to come to Kansas City or St. Louis, and claim its own, and through Missouri, claim Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The thing to do is to make him president at Nashville and then as you say go to Kansas City in 1905. Williamson said that he is tired being divided between the North

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and South, and is ready to make up his mind to go one way or another, intimating that the South was his choice. I did not press him for a committal. We are in a fair way to win Missouri, and let's reach after it with both hands. Stephens, Greene, Williamson, & Co., can give it to us. Stephens would make the best president in the S.B.C.

Yours sincerely,

*J. N. Prestridge.*

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Dr. J. M. Frost,

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Dear Brother:-

A word or two more. Williamson urges Breaker, saying to capture him would join in with Stephens' idea and capture Missouri "not in part but in whole." He irritates the brethren sometimes, but he is very strong, and left out of the game, will embarrass you mightily.

Thank you for your caution on the Cuban matter. I will have no personalities, no reference to the Recorder or its editor, but I will tell the facts. Notice the Recorder in its reports says there is "an investigating committee. I want to do what is right but I am persuaded that the right thing is to give no quarter to such men as Ford, Hall, Bogard, Hayden and Company. I am not in favor of investigating anybody. McConnell told me that half of his Board would resign on the spot, and Bell told me before the discussion opened that he would never submit. An investigating committee with Dr. Eaton at the

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head of it and Bell leading the opposition, would have given us the worst thing Southern Baptists ever saw, and that is exactly what we were threatened with.

Thank you again for your letter, which has modified my next week's utterance. Do so again.

Yours sincerely,

*J. N. Prestridge.*