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Louisville, Ky.,

June 5-03.

Dr. J. M. Frost,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:-

Enclosed find copy of letter I have just written to Dr. Gambrell. Because of my standing back of them in their fight I believe he will take it from me, unless others have made him sore. I hope the matter can be brought around.

Yes, the Seminary is a great institution, and it is day by day growing greater in my estimation. With the Sunday School Board to start off Baptist young people, and the Seminary to educate their leaders, we have a great day coming.

Judge Hillyer has put a good string into your hands to pull. I thought it was all in the air until you showed me your string. If The Argus can serve you at any time, let me know.

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Prestridge

Louisville, Ky., June 5, 1903.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell,

Dallas, Tex.

Dear Brother:-

I have been looking over some exchanges laid aside for my reading and in your paper I find an appreciation of the Publication Society, an account of the service it is doing you and an appeal for it to the churches. Of course I do not write in any spirit or even shadow of spirit of criticism; but the paragraph gives me some interesting thinking. Our Sunday School Board and the Seminary are combining beautifully in an organized effort to start out our Baptist babies for a complete education and development for Baptist service along the lines of the organized work of Southern Baptists. I am so enthusiastic and so thoroughly committed to the organized work in Texas that it has become one of the darlings of my heart. Reading your paragraph, I will have to take a little time to adjust myself to myself, and while the little spasm is on, I write to you for comfort.

Of course, good doctor, beloved, I am for the Publication Society in certain ways and lines, and do not wish to be actively against it in any measure. I am sure you will understand me. If the Sunday School Board has not shown a disposition to meet the needs of Texas, I would be glad for you to use me. All these is in this is that I have a desire to see us hang together, unitedly in one great magnificent effort. I am deeply interested in the movement to put a new secretary of the Convention beyond the Mississippi. I believe it is possible to more thoroughly identify Missouri, Oklahoma and the Indian

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Territory and also West Virginia with our Southern Convention. Confidentially, I am reaching out with some affectionate plans for the latter and you know the whole Convention is after the western states. The Sunday School Board is succeeding and should be able and liberally enough disposed to give the west all it needs and if there is a need for it I am sure pressure ~~w~~ can be brought to bear, any that may be needed, to that end. You see I am writing away without a consistent plan and am in fact only gossiping a little with you about these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. J. M. Frost,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother: -

In our this morning's Ministers' Meeting, Spilman made an earnest talk, urging that Louisville, the Seminary and surrounding state have a Sunday school specialist. You know what he said. Dr. Eaton said that Spilman was the man to do it, and Gill had previously said so. I think Spilman is the only man in the South that could do it. We need ideals in methods and ideals in practice, and you know, ideals rule the world, & *Louisville is the place for ideals.*

I moved that the following committee be requested to devise plans and bring Spilman's suggestion to fruition. E. Y. Mullins of the Seminary, chairman, J. M. Frost of the Sunday School Board, J. M. Weaver, president of the State Board, W. W. Hamilton, chairman of the Ministers' Meeting, and Dr. Eaton added the name of R. W. Taylor, M. D., president of the Long Run Board, which I accepted. The whole Ministers

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Meeting became enthusiastic, and their enthusiasm settled on Spilman for the man.

Do fix this for us, dear brother. In Kentucky we need help. A number of us have agreed that the only way to make the state all it should be is to let any and every body else scheme and do ugly if they wish, but so far as we are concerned, we are going to roll up our sleeves and go to work, and work in the broadest and most comprehensive spirit and methods. Give us Spilman, and he will be left free, and we will rally to him as he may call for support. We want to build a kingdom for Christ, and in the building forget and make others forget everything else, and so Giveus Spilman.

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Prestridge