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New Haven, Conn.

Dear Dr. Niebuhr,

I am seeking to get my credentials established at the Hall of Graduate Studies Office of Teacher Placement and I would be very grateful for an assist from you.

Enclosed is the form for a statement to that office.

I have not been in a position to look ahead beyond this year, concerning my career. My appointment here at Perkins is for ~~this year~~ and I have not made plans beyond the end of ~~this~~ year. So I thought it might be well for my credentials to be on file and available in case they might be needed.

I am most interested in teaching Christian ethics in a seminary, but am quite aware of some of the obstacles that may lie in this path, and will not be disappointed if such a position does not present itself. However, the three new Methodist seminaries give me some hope that such an arrangement might be worked out. In any event, I would be extremely grateful to you if you could help any persons get in touch with me whom might have a position available for which I might qualify.

I have been very busy on my dissertation, presently working through the Bultmann literature again, which I am finding especially interesting when held in the light of the Kantian and Biblical patterns. I am looking forward to your response to the work which I have thus far done.

Best regards,

Thomas C. Oden

