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Dr. Bro. Stevenson

Yours of 15th Ec'd - Trouble from Campbell was to have been expected. I am convinced he is not a good man. Glad you went to Lovacca - Would not those teachers do for us to Commission - Are they Christians & competent teachers - Please find their names in full - How did you arrange their pay. Yes; the trustees can re-deed - They were not chosen by the people but were appointed by me in consultation with Miss Barnes. A.M.A. paid $650 for the lot & the people paid about 200 of that I believe - I have been sorry I did not have it deeded to A.M.A. But it may be Providential as then our chances for aid from Peabody fund would have been less. So now till after Dr. Sears' visit

nothing must be done in that matter — Indeed if we can have it fully in our power to re-deed it is all I desire — By vote of all the trustees if thought desirable another might be added but for the present probably it had better remain. —

As to your salary we will not object to an increase — though this happens to be the hardest time with us since you came into our service. But as we expect you to remain all the year I would suggest that we pay you yearly $400 & expenses — This I regard as better pay than $800 exclusive of board which we pay to some.

If this is satisfactory we will make the change for the year beginning Oct. 1st inst —

Very truly & fraternally
C. H. Howard
Sec'y