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Lincolnton N. C.
Feb 11: 1851

Dr W. P. Andrews:

My dear Sir & Bro.

The Wind
& rain are having music again
making the night perilous
to any who may be out.
And your Profession so often
calls you to meet the Storms
to go to minister to the suffer-
ing, this very night you
may be summoned to ride
in the face of this fierce East
gale & falling rain. I have
just read with the greatest
approval an article, published
in this week's issue of the N. C.
Presbyterian, copied from the
Philadelphia Presbyterian, on
"Unrequited Service", for fear
it may escape your attention
I wish to speak of it here.

Look up the paper & read it, &
be assured that it speaks the
truth. which I have often thought
over. And now that we have vowed
hand in hand to be brethren in
the fellowship of Him who knows
all that we feel & suffer, I am
free to express my very sincere
sympathy with you in all
that concerns your temporal
& spiritual welfare, without
fear of being misunderstood.
Nothing has ever so much en-
couraged me, since my connec-
tion with the Shelby Church, as
the profession you & Mrs Miller
made on last Sunday. You can-
not appreciate my feelings, & in
^{your} sense of personal unworthiness
& unfitness, you may think I
ought ^{not} to feel so. However
I want to say, I am as well
satisfied with your profession
& conduct as I ever was with any

number I have received. Do not be discouraged about your feelings, but quietly & carefully hold on to your profession. It would have been a great additional satisfaction to us all, if your daughter Mrs Webb could have joined with you; but I hope soon, the way will be clear for her & her sisters & brothers all to come, for whom I feel the tenderest interest.

I do wish very much we could work your plan about raising my salary. I heartily approve of it, & will do what I may to introduce it. But I now can bring myself up to take a prominent part in a measure which involves my salary. I may be over sensitive about it, but still I do think the amount of salary & the ways of raising it, are matters peculiarly in the hands of the congregation. I do think we will get on our feet before long at Shelby

& all the difficult & tedious work
of developing a Presbyterian church
among Indians to our system
will not be left to my poor
judgment & influence.

— Mr & Mrs Plunk - living in the 2^d house
beyond Dr Dixon's house on the
Road to the Springs, are Presbyterians
& I hope your daughters Mrs A
will call on them soon. Please
tell them to go soon, for Mrs Plunk
is a young woman & is lonely &
I promised her the ladies would
call & see her.

The Train has reached your
Station again I learn, greatly
to your relief - My family are
well & send messages to yours
& Lida says she hopes to be
able to go up & help the
ladies with their entertain-
ment -

Very truly yours
R. B. Johnston