81 Colinton Road, Edinburgh 25 April 1930

My dear Professor Barth.

The Theological Society of New College (Edinburgh University), begging you to do them the kindness of becoming their Honorary President for the year 1936-7. They have been informed that you have accepted the invitation to deliver the Gifford Lectures in Aberdeen; and they trust that when you come to Scotland for this purpose, you will be good enoughto stop for a day in Edinburgh, and give a public lecture to their Society.

Of course we do not know then your visit to Aberdeen is to take place. But I venture to hope, very earnestly, that when it takes place, you will grant the request of our students. Not only are a great number of friends in Edinburgh who would desire to hear you, but the Society would be greatly encouraged and inspired by your presence. And further, I should have pleasure of intertaining you here as my guest! This is my first object, then—to plead the cause of my students as they approach you.

By second object is this. I have just finished revising the translation of your paper on "Das christliche Verstaendniss der Offenbarung", for which we are so much indebted to you. I wish to use it, though not yet printed, as one source for a lecture I am writing on your Theology. Do: I have your permission to do so? I shall be not grateful if you can grant it me.

You will have seen from the English translation of Dogmatik I how well Professor Thomson has done his work.

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With very warm regards, Yours sincerely,

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