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Dear Professor Barth,

I have just read in the papers the news from Bonn. You have done the only thing which was left for you to do, and the God Whom you have honoured will not leave you nor your wife and children in the lurch.

There has been intense interest here in the affair. Even my organist rang me up on the telephone last night to say that he had heard the news on the wireless. Today it will be in every newspaper here, and in Canada and America, and all Protestant lands.

I know your faith is of the kind that can remove mountains, and that doors and ways will open of which you know not. But I feel deeply for your wife and family in the unsettlement that this change must involve.

Some time ago I had a letter from my friend Professor Bryden of Knox College Toronto telling me that there was a strong desire to have you visit Toronto when you go to America in the spring of 1936, and asking me to do what I could to persuade you. It seems that the friends in U.S.A. want to have you all the time. I did not write you on account of the uncertain circumstances, but I mention it now. If it proves possible in these altered circumstances, for you to go to U.S.A. I do hope you can visit Canada, and especially Toronto. You would receive a great welcome there. And you would find a soil more ready for your teaching. Professor Bryden belongs to the Presbyterian section of the community among whom I lectured on your theology. He has since become an enthusiastic follower. But he writes in the name of an interdenominational committee.

Will you accept my warmest thanks for your Weihnacht booklet, and for your article on Kirche gestern, heute, morgen which I am reading with great profit.

At the moment I am preparing a lecture on your doctrine of Offenbarung which I am to give next month in England to a gathering of Church of England theologians and laymen. (in Newcastle on Tyne.) I am dealing with your "Nein" to Brunner.

These events in Germany will increase the interest in your work, and extend its influence

all over the Protestant world.

Will you convey my warm regards and
sympathy to Frau Professor Barth and Frl. Kirchbaum?
With Christmas greetings,

I am,
yours very sincerely,

John M. Comacher