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Professor Karl Barth
University of Bonn
Bonn, Germany

Dear Sir:

I have heard that you are to be in America next fall meeting some lecture engagements. If so, I am wondering if it would be possible for you to accept an invitation to speak at a Conference on Preaching which is to be held in connection with Boston University School of Theology on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15, 16 and 17. This Conference has been held each year for six years past and has steadily grown in interest and influence. It attracts a great many ministers from New England. You would have an audience of at least seven or eight hundred ministers. The enclosed programs of earlier Conferences will indicate to you the general character of the Conference. The coming fall the general subject will be "Preaching and Life Situations" and the topic that we would like very much to have you discuss would be "Preaching and the Word of God".

Our funds, I am sorry, are very limited, but we could offer you an honorarium of \$150. All we would expect of you would be an address of about forty or forty-five minutes in length.

Boston is about five or five and a half hours by train from New York City. If you wished, you could make the trip from New York in the afternoon, speak in the evening, and return that night. But a longer stay in Boston would, I trust, be possible for you.

I need not tell you of the growing interest in you personally, and in your work, in America. This is true of all shades of theological opinion. We look upon you as a veritable gift of God to our age and it would be a very great joy and inspiration to us all to have the privilege of hearing you.

Sincerely yours,

Albert C. Knudson

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