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Professor Karl Barth,
University of Bonn,
Bonn, Germany.

My dear Professor Barth:

Thank you for your cordial letter of May 24th. We fully appreciate the difficulty in your situation. It would, of course, be too much to ask you to prepare several series of lectures and, since your invitation from Union was prior to ours, we must yield to that institution.

As we consider the matter, it occurs to us that it might be wiser not to ask you to repeat your main series of lectures here at Hartford on our Carew Foundation. A good many of the ministers of this vicinity, together with our faculty and students, will undoubtedly read the reports of your Union lectures, even should they not actually attend them. But we would like very much to have you spend two or three days with us less formally. We would like to have you give one lecture, which for that matter might be a summary or epitomization of your Union lectures, and then we would like to have you available for two or three informal discussion groups with our faculty and some of our students. Would not this be easier for you, as well as more satisfactory for us under the circumstances?

Dr. Richards of the Seminary at Lancaster has written to me that he is attempting to arrange your schedule, and I have proposed that he plan to have you come to Hartford after your lecture at Union and before the one at Princeton. May we, therefore, count definitely on this informal visit, in place of the formal Carew Lectureship which I suggested in my first invitation? You will understand, of course, that the honorarium will be less than in the case of the full lectureship - let us say \$50.00, in addition to traveling expenses to and from New York and entertainment while you are here.

We look forward with great eagerness to your coming, and hope that your visit in America will be a happy one for you, as I know it will be profitable for us.

Cordially yours,

Robbins W. Barstow
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