Beirut, May 31, 1847

My dear Mr. Hoskins,

I have long waited for a quiet chat with you, and an answer to your kind letter of Feb. 22nd. I feel quite safe in your charitable judgment of all that I ever have done or shall do in reference to you. I love you and trust you with confidence from long experience of the sterling character which has done so much for our Institution, and for Syria. I am exceedingly glad that the difficulties in regard to the Tableh house are over, and that you and others will have such a tasteful and comfortable home.

A much greater trial than
prevent Syriam to its legitimate development. The expenditure of so much of its resources about the centre, whereas ordi-

inary groups all the ma-

chining of Christianity and civilisation, stands squarely in the pathway of the expansive evangelization of the world.

Instead then, of wasting vain tears over a lost cause, would save the Mission boards and missionists use their intel-

lects and experience in a thorough revision of the whole scheme, and a radical reformation of the methods. Spiritual influence, not money, must evangelize the world.
A convert who is converted to a
religion is not a convert. A
church that is supported from
abroad is not a church. A
system of popular education
which rests on foreign pa-
tronage undoes its own work.

We must find some way
not to secure a recognition
of these principles by at least
the more important agencies
so that efforts in the right
direction shall be simultaneous
one and consistent.

It to devise a mode of
applying the gospel which
will make it a force, not
aPassion, which will lead an
gentle to count all things loss for Christ,
not self-interest gain.
We lose of interest, by the church, in its foreign work, due to want of fruits. They have a right to expect results. It is vain for us to take refuge in the excuse that the results are not our business, but they belong to God. They do not. God does not produce results independent of us and causes. The promise of the King will come when we take the prescribed means of obtaining it. We are not short of the institutionalizing not evangelicalizing. I do not under value the evangelicalizing done in institutions, even in our subsidized or supported
churches. But the evangelistic
connection, in my opinion,
left the machinery, which
were transplanted bodily from
abroad, to be constructed
by the converts as they pleased
and means.

To sum up, I believe that,
with the means at the com-
mand of the Church, handled
in the apostolic way, we could
during the coming century, preat
the Gospel to every creature.

With our way we could not
do it in twenty centuries,
or twenty times twenty.

With much love to Harriet
and the children, and kind-
est remembrances to Condit.