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Dr. Estes Nichols,
Hebron, Maine.

Dear Dr. Nichols:-

I regret having to infer, from what otherwise seems unseemly haste on the part of the State Commissioners in electing a medical superintendent for Hebron, that you were unwilling to continue in the position which you have so ably filled these many years past and be hampered by the usual political interferences of inexperienced supervisors, and it makes me regret that the motion I made at the first meeting of the Trustees to test the full meaning and bearing of the Act of Legislature was voted down, and that some way could not have been devised by the Association that would have carried on the work until the meeting of the next Legislature, ~~and~~ the people at large could have become better acquainted with the situation and the possible loss by reversion of a large part of the endowment.

As a fellow-worker with you in this matter for the past fifteen years I know the anti-tuberculosis work in Maine will not be benefited by the new regime, nor find any more devoted workers than you and Mrs. Nichols have proved to be.

If in any way I can assist you in securing a similar position elsewhere, if you intend to follow that line of work, I shall be very glad to do so.

Meantime both you and Mrs. Nichols have my deep sympathy and regard.

Sincerely yours,
Charles H. Payson

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