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Dear Bartley

The faculty seems to be unanimous in favor of you as my successor. You may have heard something from Welch ere this, as I was not at the meeting and only heard last Eve. of the action. Naturally I was placed in a most

outward pretence. Thayer  
has done so much 1st  
class work & is such a  
good fellow that I seemed  
cruel to pass him by.  
but the general feeling  
was not towards him  
in the faculty or even the  
Hospital board and while  
I might have perhaps  
forced it, had I felt  
more strongly, everything  
came round + a choice  
between you & Dock  
I suppose the Government  
will act shortly. The

important thing will be to make Thayer  
comfortable, and you can help us in  
this. He has behaved splendidly & we  
must do everything possible for him.  
This is only a preliminary note - there  
will be lots of things to confer about  
later. Love to Mrs B. & to Johnny B.

I am taking Plato's advice & sitting under  
a will until the storm is over. Meanwhile  
you have only a few years left!

John Wesley