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American Baptist Historical Society,

No. 530 ARCH STREET.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11th 1865

Rev. Saml. Barker D.D.

Dear brother,

When a man is elected
to an office, without his previous
consent, there is of course no
obligation upon him to attend
to its duties, or assume any
responsibility.

This is your case with
regard to the Historical Society,
& we have not the slightest right
to complain, that you have
done nothing to promote it.
But it cannot accomplish its
work under indifferent man-
agers, & I hope, you can see,