

Robert Simerwell to T.L. Holman

In this letter to T.L. Holman, Robert Simerwell discusses the conditions and attitudes of the people at the Carey Mission, Michigan Territory, in early 1829. Included are Simerwell's remarks on the attitudes of the Native American students at the mission, some of whom were "mourning over their lost and undone state" that had been signed away in the Treaty of Saint Joseph in September of 1827.

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Very Dear Bro

I received your kind favour of Jan. 5 enclosing three dollars the fruits of the Aurora Juvenile Missionary Society for which we return our unfeigned thanks and as Br. McWay has been absent from us since July ¹⁸²⁸ I deem it not only right but necessary to address you in behalf of the Mission which I have the happiness to serve. let me here say we receive from time to time clothing &c from Br. Miller Cincinnati but perhaps he is not particular enough in specifying the donors and societies from whom these articles are received to obviate this evil would it not be well for individuals and societies to attach a few lines to their respective donations explaining to us from whom received and by whom collected we are pleased with the prospect of receiving some linen from your neighbourhood this is an article we much need and of which we receive but little by way of donation - one tow linen is a useful article in our family

Let me say I feel much encouraged from your letter and hope the Lord will abundantly bless your labours of love. let us always keep in mind that the Lord has some thing for every Christian to do, and that it is at his ^{risk} ~~peril~~ to leave this something undone.

You ask Br. McWay respecting our future prospects let me answer they are much brightened through the hope of our Government opening a colony in the west. Br. McWay has been absent viewing the country west of Missouri ^{and takes the country well} and the Indians accompanied him the Indians are generally pleased with that ^{part} ~~new~~ country they explored and are anxious to move thither Br. McWay will be here between the 1st and 10th of May and will likely make arrangements to move his family in the fall at least as far as St. Louis we do not intend to ~~move~~ ^{give up} our labours at this place till the Indians move when it will be our hope



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to accompany them, I will leave further information
relating to the removal of the Indians, for Br Meloy who
will on his return from the East be better able to give
such information than I am at present.

Our school is in a good state of improvement
the children obedient and attentive and some of them
mourn over their lost and undone state.
early in the winter we discovered a degree of
seriousness in our family which first made its appearance
among the young men in our employ four of whom we
trust will be baptised as soon as Br Meloy arrives.
It is our daily prayer that God would state import
to us the influence of his grace and that the Indians
around would be brought to confess Jesus Christ
as their Lord and Saviour.

W J L Holman

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