

Fairmount, Ind., Oct. 31, '05.

Rev. J. Howe, Huntington, Ind.

Dear Brother:— I received your letter of Oct. 17th, from Mankato. Bro. Rock is rather a unique veteran, a good man, energetic and a little dashing in speech. He is a friend to the church and wishes her to inherit his means. Both from him and from Bro. J. Bittinger I had letters this summer, or fall, expressing strong regard for me. I thought this might augur well for their continued favor to the Church, on whose boards I am. I had queried whether efforts had not been made to prejudice them against me and against the new boards,

Those Kansas leaders have not been in the fullest cooperation for some years. The brothers have seemed to wish to shelve Bro. Atkinson, and he is one of the most popular and successful workers in the conference. The fact that he is divorced is probably only an excuse; for his divorce was justifiable if any are. Both sides have strong points and those not so strong. The alienation has been very discouraging.

I have held quarterly meetings on Hartsville and Blue River Circuits. The Rugby society on Hartsville Circuit is a unit in loyalty; Hartsville itself is divided. Gwynneville and ^{Windfall} ~~Har~~grove churches on Blue River are mostly loyal, but the ex-pastor (Bartlett) and

Rev. H. W. Robbins, ³last year, betrayed
nearly all of Mt. Carmel and Hargrove
^{members}
into the Liberal M. B. Church! This,
while posing as a Radical pastor,
or pastors! Probably nearly all the
members of the two societies have
gone to the Liberals; but they,
at my order, refrain from
using the two churches houses.

I am glad that the North
western Mission meets with
favor.

On the White River charges,
there is too much uprising
against insubordination to
allow them success on any charge;
but too many train with them
to allow us complete success.
To whom will Oler's pastors report?

With kind regards,

Milton Wright