

Dayton, Ohio, November 9, 1905

Rev. J. W. Howe,

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Dear Brother:

I have just received your letter of yesterday morning's mail. I notice what you say of the sale of Bro. Dorcas' valuable farm, and had noticed Bro. Rohlfuss' nice present, valuing the good will indicated quite as much as the present itself. I rather like the tone and fit of Bro. Linker's farewell note from New York.

I sent Bishop Wood directions, very accurate, to Haven, Kansas, how to reach Aline, the R'y station for Round Grove, and about three miles apart. As a rule, the bishop is not optimistic. What determined Bro. Willoughby to fix on Round Grove for the loyal conference, is a mystery to me. Becker's conference was illegal, and its choice of a place was of no authority; but some able men can not put two and three together on legal lore! It is probably an unfriendly community. I advised him to announce Mt. Vernon, near ^{near} Glencoe (nearer to West Point) where all are loyal. *You wisely staid away*

Bishop Hoskins' address is now at Albion, Whitman Co., Washington. Somehow, our people do not seem to think we are in earnest about the North-West! It will be time to be getting all ready for self-denial week, and stirring up our pastors and people through the Monthly (and especially the Conservator) to do freely and faithfully. A falling off would be a calamity. How to do it, is a study. The study of it has been my success, oft.

I have a letter from Joseph Wilberforce. My lack of time has almost neglected him. He wants a reconciliation, but perhaps little kens the gamut of it. I think he will come down gracefully.

I go to Mt. Zion Church, in Rush County, next Saturday (the 11th) having changed time of quarterly on account of conflict of appointments on another charge. In many places loyalty is in the minority, but that the seceders have not White River in their vest pockets, is very annoying to *them*

They are now resorting to capturing or arrogating to themselves the church-houses. On Dublin circuit, last Sunday, they had put in morning and evening appointments at both of our churches; so I held a good Quarterly conference, after a short sermon, at a central residence, and then went home; and they were evidently about rained out at both churches Sunday morning and evening! Heaven weeps some Sundays! *Heiter is appointed pastor at Dublin!*

I will be at Fairmount next Tuesday and Wednesday to be present at the surveying of my lot there. I hardly know whether I will get home next week-at all. I will be at Economy Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th.

Ohio's vote last Tuesday, was a temperance vote. The Wrights here, four in number, voted for John M. Pattison for governor, tho' unused to voting for Democratic candidates, only as we scratch for local officers. It was a heart-sickening rebuke to a demagogue who had toadied to the saloons in favor of "a square deal." It was a stunner! It will awaken long memories.

For years there has seemed to be a disposition by individuals to shelve Rev. E. Atkinson, perhaps the best worker in Kansas Conference. His divorce has been a reason, or rather an excuse, for if a divorce was ever justifiable his was. Much harm has come to Kansas by it. I have been discouraged for years by the transparent policy. At last the tables have been turned. Whether it will be peace now is ~~not~~ ^{clear} ~~horrible~~ humans are very human.

My health has been quite good, but I regret the necessity of having any official position. I shall seek escape from it when the necessity is less.

I hope this will find you and Sister Howe and daughter well. We are all well.

A warm friend of mine, Luther Oler of Neosho conference, a cousin of Rev. W. A. Oler, is here on a visit. Tatman carried off a few hundred dollars from Chamute, in that conference. If he will stay away, it is a cheap riddance! *Milton Wright.*

Sister-in-law and Heiter would make for a capital grade of matter

Tatman had been the bone in Kansas for twelve years.