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Dear Brother:

A word about the Wilberforces. If Christopher proves as good as he seems, and Bessie perfectly good, we have jewels in them, as missionaries, if we can bind them to our work immovably.

Now as to Joseph, it is generally thought that he has weaknesses, and no doubt he has; but when a man begins to get a down-cry, it often exaggerates these qualities, and perhaps in part increases the aberrations. That is sound philosophy, "if an Indian do speak it"! "Treat a boy as a dog, and he will act like a dog", which is also sound philosophy. Flickinger seems to have practiced that experiment.

Now a word as to Constance. She evidently has an energy as large as her body is; for she looks, as to all but age, like the mother of them all! She talks with a clear voice to me, very loud, thinking me very hard of hearing. Perhaps she may talk too loud for the taste of our secretaries and Mrs. Howe and Winkle. But she never wants words nor misses her mark. She may possibly lead Joe for his good. Hold her, and you have him sure! Impress her with his and her duty to the Radical Church. Attach her to the Huntington Boards and people. Study her, rather than men-criticise her.

Mentally there is much promise in Joe. He has a grasping intellect, and Constance is improving him in our language. Bro. Freeman says he did finely in interesting the Women's Branch (or general) meeting, tho in apprehension they had crowded out his time purposely with other exercises! Billheimer and Flickinger used to frequently make dismal failures in lectures, and again brilliant successes. Joe will yet make his mark for good or evil. "Take my head for a football" if I do not read him aright. There is timber in him if we can work it! Yours,

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