

Reply Mar. 2/18. J.H.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1908.

Rev. J. Howe,
Huntington, Ind.

Dear Brother: - Your letter of the 24th, and its enclosures came to hand. I herein return the inclosures. It seems: 1. That Bro. Stolts is anxious to return to Africa. 2. That he is still more desirous that the Executive Committee should humble itself before him and placate his sore displeasure. 3. That we have no peaceable missionary in sight for Africa.

The difficulty I see in the way is under a few heads:

1. An irate missionary is generally irreconcilable, and if pacified is likely to have fresh ebullitions; and correspondence and dealings with him are not likely to grow in sweetness. 2. His evident contempt for the welfare of Christopher and wife. 3. His superseding C. L. Linker, who is likely to be a week and life-time missionary.

Neither should Ontario nor Dayton missionaries be put into native African huts, nor should there be any invidious comparisons between the missionaries of either place. I do not see that harping over past differences is

likely to make his feelings more cheerful, or bring the committee to the "mourners' bench." The question dawes on me: Is his wife the controlling influence over his feelings?

For quite a time, there existed in Africa the contingencies as to whether D. F. Wilberforce would be condemned and executed, or acquitted and restored to power. If the latter, any considerable animosity between the missionary and the paramount chief must have been a menace, and hindrance to a missionary in
in Imperreh, no one blamed S. for exposing D. F. W.'s polygamy.

The idea of the church apologizing to an offended party is ^{not} new. Our history instances Hendrick, Warner and others. The

sun, moon and stars did bow
down once in olden times,

Some things in S's letter
suggest a false reporter in our
camp. Who can it be?

Shall we enter into a
controversy with an ex-mission-
ary? Is either side likely to be
converted? If old sores are healed,
are they not likely to break
out afresh? I see nothing
very encouraging in the
outlook - only, that the Lord reigns.

We need in Africa more
of a revival policy than we
had since the days of Gomer.
We have not enough educa-
tion there, but have too much
sole reliance on education and
training. Your brother,
Milton Wright,