

Dayton, Ohio, March 8, 1912.

Dear Brother Howe:

I received your letter of nearly a month ago. I also received the program of our Missionary Board. I am caring little about any prospect of publication. Some think I will die and leave them freedom about the matter. That is good sense; but it looks as I may outlive them all, though ready at any time to go.

As to my part in the program, if I write, it will be to show natural qualifications for the work of missions. I think we are not in a good line now. Contempt for the last superintendent comes nearest my idea in the case. We ought to have a man of moral and common-sense qualifications. Yet I think well of him as a Christian, considering the natural timber in the case. I think well of Brother Stoltz and Linker and Miss Winkle for the work. I think Christopher Wilberforce with his former wife were good, but with the polygamy temperament and example of his father, and brother, we can not depend much on him now. We need to gird up the loins of our minds about our African Mission.

With the little amount we are able to contribute, our work there in Imperreh is most too small to call it a mission. Two years terms, generally shortened, with so few missionaries, cannot be expected to accomplish much. It is largely giving money to unsettle men in their operations! The traveling expenses take up most of our funds. The polygamy of the Liberal Society seems to promise better results, as to numbers. If we are not ~~care~~ careful, the rest home at Bonthe, will become a danger to our missionaries. Let them go there and learn to tolerate polygamy, and to get along smoothly!

Flickinger had evidence, I think, for believing that Daniel Wilberforce was a polygamist, before we all knew it. He was with us just to control our mission. He went right back to his first love, when he was done with us! How men will act. He knew that Keiter was corrupt, yet went

Joseph Wilberforce has proved a case. He married a pure girl here, went to Africa and served (if it was service) the Liberals, and abandoned his wife to a life of shame! It is too bad! Did you not have reason to believe him a lustful fellow while he lived in your midst! He could talk like a pure man.

We have suffered of the Wilberforces most of all. They promised well, and proved the worst! Such a hypocrite as Joe is hard to find.

Don't you know that Barkley would recommend anybody who is his friend? He is thoroughly political. He would send a wolf to our flock at Danville. I am afraid of Clark. That so many have been raised under our missionaries, and yet go wrong, is not more strange than that many raised in Christian homes here go "to the bad." There is much in choice, and less in training. Else how should God give all a like chance of salvation? We do not always reason wisely.

I will aim to be at your annual meeting, though it is not essential that I be there. May you have the presence of the Lord ~~with you~~.

Yours truly in the Lord,

Milton Wright.