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Post-dular, Oct. 20th 1846
Tuesday Evening Office

My Dear France

Your letter of date 7th Oct. came to hand to day. I was very much pleased to hear again from Old Maine, for I had begun to suspect that you had cut my acquaintance entirely for some cause which I could not divine. I am glad to hear that you are all in good health, 'tis a boon to be thankful for. I can appreciate it better just now than at any other time for I have been recently a little unwell, though now quite recovered, ~~and~~ only troubled with an appetite which would stand by the side of John Winslow's of old Patsk Mercury. I wrote further of my sickness yesterday. Though my health has been good, yet constant labor, confinement, and the rough contact with the world have taken away all my former superfluous flesh, and I am now one of the lean kind. My weight in Maine was about 170, for the first year but 162 - but lately I am down to 148 which makes me rather slim - and then my face is picked and pale - My miniature which I sent is a pretty good likeness — By the way, speaking of miniatures, — cannot you have your picture (Daguerre) taken and send it to me in a newspaper as I sent mine? I will pay for it if you will send the cost — And the others too I should like to have. Do send it, France, if you can — I want some signs of other times to look upon and I should like to know how you look & what change three years have made

Heights! I hate to write so much about myself - and yet,
what else can I write about? Myself! I do not know my
~~opposite~~ for it strikes me that I am changing con-
tinually - certainly, I am vastly different
from what I was when I left Shong in
Butler old way you upon an evening
long ago. I was an "amiable" youth then, un-
knowing the world - bushy and timid, leaving
the seeds of a bad disposition in me, but without the courage
to show them. I am different now - they call me "pride, haughty aristocratic
and quiet temper!" It appears to me that my disposition is somewhat like
B. F. Bassman's, though I have not his sociable disposition,
being more sober and dignified - I am staid, and
never shew any emotions excepting sometimes
anger - and yet I have a reputation for
surprising and overpowering anger beyond
any other person in town - But with all
my faults I have hopes to be a quite a decent
fellow of myself by and bye - when I am older, more experienced
and have a wife to give me Candidate lectures - Speaking of wives,
you don't want me to get married before I go home - I don't know
when either of those events may happen - I think of both sometimes - but only
as being uncertain events far in the future - I am engaged to a fine
amiable little girl not handsome nor "accomplished" but
quiet, domestic, confiding, and, I think, well worthy
of being loved, caressed and won - She thinks

me quite a fellow for a Quaker, and says she means to be one of the best little wives in Badger-land - I am ~~an~~
old enough to marry yet - indeed I don't know when I shall be - or whether I shall ever marry at all. I like this free and easy old bachelor life for the present but I have a horror of the "Dear and yellow life". All well, we shall see -

You speak of changes in things & wonder when they will come? It strikes me that I should not know the place now - and the people! They are gone! Hell, well! Changes are incident to every place and every time. The change that has come over Sandoe's surprises me - When we were there were five houses - and all was quiet as you men in the wilderness - Now four hundred busy people - besides those from the country, make it appear like a line of men - I am past master at the last Dr. paid me \$40, the increase is about 25 per cent quantity - In two years I anticipate \$500, pay - but the duties are hard - have nine mails per month. - So ~~the~~ Auntie is going to die! Poor girl! She will be happy in "that abundant light of long repose".

I think of going to Platteville this week or next to see the falls and do some business - How does Maid Flannister? She is getting lousy about writing, but I suppose Freddie is crap - Well, I am sleepy, and have strong thoughts of going to bed. Eugene has gone to Washington till Monday but I should like to have a piece of his roundabout cheese tonight. But good bye - Write often
John A. Eastman



July 10

Miss Frances G. Estman
Showing Minus

Portage Prairie Columbia County June 15th 1878.

Dear Sister.

Your letter came to hand about a week ago, and I take this opportunity to write you in return for I don't like to get to far in the rear if I do I never shall catch up for I perceive that I have another correspondent for with your letter came one from a certain Mrs Legg living somewhere in Scriba thus you see that in addition to the letters that I shall have to write to you I shall have to write to the said Mrs as often as she sees fit to favor me with a letter and as my stock of knowledge is almost exhausted you must neither be alarmed nor disappointed if you should not get any thing interesting or amusing for probably it will be the same story the same tale that you have had over and over again that is a general time of health how much I want to see you plenty of work to do enough to eat good appetite for the same pleasant weather prospect of good crops money scarce or plenty as the case may be perhaps a wedding or two and few deaths perhaps and maybe some births for children are occasionally born in Wisconsin as well as elsewhere but as the parties and circumstances are not known to you such news would not be so interesting to you as the same bits of information would be to me coming from you and that to from a place that I know and a people with whom I am ~~so~~ acquainted so you must not weary nor get tired of writing for such scraps of information is just what I want to get from you with the addition of such things as your fancy or inclination may see fit to add.

And as I said that my stock was about exhausted as young enough hasn't my pond has almost run out perhaps by way of a little variety it will not be amiss to give a short description of the place or neighborhood in which I live or so much of it as my sketch will let me and I would that some genius would guide my pen while I try to portray to your fancy the condition of things here well as it regards myself here I am in the afternoon of ^a hot day the middle of June seated by the table in a log house situated upon a littleeminence or rising ground surrounded by a few trees the natural growth of the forest it is situated a few rods from the street directly in front of the house I have a few melons planted which looks promising and I would that you could be here when they get ripe if there should grow in distances though they are the same here as with you they appear larger and easier overcome consequently our neighborhoods are somewhat larger than with you this is from five to six miles in length on the principle street besides some additions here and there other roads or where there will be roads and as all neighborhoods has their boundary this is not deficient in that respect it is bounded on the north by Duck lake a small pond

about the size of a good sized cauldron kettle on the east by old ~~bush~~
Capt cooper Bronsons and spring marsh on the south by a favorite marsh called
tamarack marsh and on the west by the Welch ~~south~~ Prairie thus you see that
I have got round unles I add the school section on the north and small as it
is it has its chief towns and cities as well as other big states and countries; well
then we will commence at the northeast corner of the place by the side of the
lake or frog pond ^{see} the residence of Mr Tard lady from Pulaskie a pretty smart
sensible man one that mind's his own busness and lets other people do the same his
lady I say nothing about for the want of room a little south of him is situated the fam-
ous city called Tupper town being famed for the residence of a man by the name of Tupper
his wife his brothers ~~and~~ widow with five daughters designated here by the familiar title
of old maids together ~~other~~ with Billy the negro or dark complexion by astur is called but three
out of the girls have got married since they came here their native place being Nova Scotia
half a mile south of Tupper town is situated the flourishing city of deception ~~the~~
consisting of the residence or mansion of T.L.P.T his oldest son Job and his second son
^{son} George the old man is called the mayor of the city but whether he or his wife is ~~is~~ not easily
told it may be that the government is divided between them the old man is a little bald
headed gentleman familiarly known here as judge of crow bate a title he obtained by
making derision of his neighbor's teams and cattle and it would do you good if you have
any relish for the ridiculous to see him to meeting on the sabbath morning assent
to the words of the speaker. Job his oldest is a promising lad of not far from thirty
years of age happy's hope and mammy's joy, enjoying all the delights of bachelorism in
all its beauty a description of his person is beyond my ability for that head of his bald and
sheared ears, those locks that do remain oh what locks his eyes they must be seen to be
appreciated and then his form complexion gait in walking, to best the climax of all is
what the Welch girl calls that over fish grin that beggars description George is another
hopeful heir a ship of daddy and mammy, with a description of which perhaps would not be very
interesting, for he is very much like his brother being next of age to him still living single
rather given to making with that that dont concern him loves to tip the bottle a little too often
for respectability ~~too~~ loves money ful well enough to be honest a real swaggerer who
would like to be call'd the first in the place and ride rough shod over the rest of the people here
but not being good looking enough he cant come to the money he can fix it now then
there are five more boys of them all very much like the two that I have described a
mostly crowd of them ~~of them~~ on promising youths truly bound for some place of distinction
they think Then at the south west corner of this wonderful place situated the
residence of a widow ~~lady~~ and her son from Illinois designated here as hoivers
but as the hoivers have ^{it} they are mighty fine folks any how you fix it

The next town of note is Sandy, mole situated ^{east} a little south of Prospect Hill a flourishing
city indeed containing ~~now~~ all of two log houses with a prospect of more as soon as the young
men sees fit to change their situations from a single life ^{to} a married one the present pro-
prietors of the town is a Mr. Rust from the green mountains of Vermont quite an important
feeling body that thinks he knows as much as the other ~~two~~ man a shoe maker by trade
and about as punctual to his promises as the generality of shoe makers are no more so
The other is a Mr. Randall from the western part of N. H. quite a prominent member
of the Baptist church rather given to the love of money wants his own way in most things
yet not the worst neighbor that might be his wife is quite a clever body only keep the left
side of her his oldest child is a son about 24 or 28 years of age minus of one eye which causes him
many times to see but one side of the question rather given to being two sides though
having but one eye frequently wearing the title of Lord Randall my son

The next in rotation is Wiggles Hill a pleasant city built or rather commenced by a man
from Nova Scotia quite a clever personage having a very nice woman for a wife
one I think that bears acquaintance well. It also contains the mansion of his
half brother a little inquisitive body inquiring into other bodys business rather
to much to be liked rather given to carrying news not always respecting the truth as he
had ought having ^{the} rich name of Sandy is brother in law to Mr. that have deserted
and is like him in many respects

And next comes what used to be Bachelors fort being the place where the delights of a
bachelors life has been enjoyed in all its beauty or horrors but has changed its title to
second or young hill in consequence of the division that there reigns and the fighting
and quarling, that ~~there~~ is there done for father will fight son son will fight
father & brother will fight brother and it's full here and full there its fight
eat and fight day and those that can fight the hardest is the best fellow
and a pleasant place to live in truly

Thus you see that I have given a short description of the cities here proba-
bly you will say that it is time that my pen had already run out and that dry
so but bear with me a little longer besides the cities here we have some country
places though like most country places they are not of much note and for the want
of room I shall have to defer a description of them till another time

I would say give my respects to all who may inquire after me to you and family and
George and folks give my respects to William when you see him and tell him ^{Send him} I would like to see ^{you}
I have not heard from Samⁿ's folks lately though I heard the other day that they
had moved on to their farm write often and a good deal and you will oblige your
brother very much

L B Enoy

To Nancy Enoy

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Mrs. Nancy Eng
South Rockland
Orange County
N.Y.

Mantouria July The 13, 1886

Dear friends I received your letter and was glad
to hear of your Health and Prosperity you must
excuse me for not answering your letter before
I have been waiting to get my pay and I thought
I would Delay Waiting until I could tell when
I was coming home but I began to get anxious
of waiting and do improve these few moments
I have been well since I wrote before I got here
the eighth of May and have been at Work for
Hiram McAllister since I came here Get
fourteen \$ Dollars month as long as I am
allowed to stay but I shall not stay long
after I get my pay Mr Chapman has been
Putting me off year and a half and I think its
time I had my pay he payed me thirty Dollars
the first of this month and I should have payed
me all he owes me now between \$50 and \$60 \$
and says that he will pay me soon and Paul
Chapman owes me \$22 and he says he will pay
and do they all pay and I say when
they do pay I will start and never get them
in debt to me again I shall start for home
as soon as possible any how the folks are all well
here now I believe they have got their house now
eight hundred feet long and they think that
people will begin to land here pretty soon they
are going to build a bridge at the Rapids and done ^{things} to

and breaking the Law Hill over again Paul Thompson
has brought him up to the Sheboygan River about
two miles from the Rapids Wm Sawyer and wife
arrived here day before yesterday tell Mr E G Pearson.
Sebres is well Mrs Peters at Fond du Lac were well
about time ago give my respects to Malvina
and family and Mr Bozce people tell
Elijah to answer my letter or I will send him
When I seen again I received a letter from Malvina
When I came to Manitowoc I heard they'd in the
office six weeks when I arrived tell Wm E Bushman
that all of the young men are here that was
when he left Mr Thompson at the lake has
run away but I understand he is coming back
again his crime was burning Whig Papers
in 1841 they came on after him from York
State but he eluded them I cannot think of
much more to write about this man any
way provisions are about the same as when
Wm left here there has been a Woman lost
in Sheboygan County in the woods and
she was found after day & ago by an Indian
dead probably starved to death When I came
to Fond du Lac I saw her husband and children
when they found her she was in leather
a few trials late that she could not
be taken up without great difficulty
tell Amanda that I am much obliged to her

I for what she wrote to me tell her to take
care of her red-headed boy first mate and
the other one also I must close
by signing myself Your friend and Son
and Brother

Wm Perry Dolber

Menomonee
Wisconsin July 13
1840

Manitowoc
W. J. Shelly No. 3

Mr. Zebina Cushman

1846

Repton Nelson
County of Kenmore

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Rec'd 26th Oct

Mess^r Wm Jessup Sons
Gent^m

Please find enclosed, One hundred
and fifty dollars. Have written at least 3 times to
your Ha^rge without receiving any answer.

If the steel does not arrive before the Closing of
Navigation, it will be a serious injury to us.

My Customer keep enquiring whether the Burn
Steel has arrived.

May I entreat you to send it on as soon. Or
would you write and inform me whether I can depend
upon receiving it.

I will send you more Cash soon.
Letters has been so prevalent that very few
have been able to work, this is the reason
I have not been able to send you more being

Please ship it yours affy. by some soon

Sinc.

Yours ob

Ramni Oct 6 1846.

W^m J. Hunt

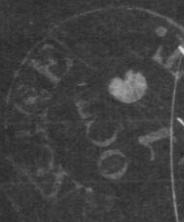
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Milwaukee Wisconsin Feij Dec. 30th 1846.

To Rev. B. M. Hill Com Sec of Am. Bap. Home Miss Soc.

Dear Dear Brother, Herein I send you my Report
of Labour Under the Appointment of the Home -
Mission Society for the Quarter ending Janst 1846.

I have laboured 13 weeks in the Quarter —
Preached 23 Sermons — Attended 15 Prayer Meetings
— And 21 Other Religious Meetings — Made 60 Religious
Visits — And have travelled to and from my ap-
pointments 25 miles. — 4 persons have been —
received by Letter, — & 1 by Experience —
The "Monthly concert" has regularly been Observed —
My People have paid during the Quarter for
Foreign Missions \$3. 69cts Dom. \$1. 35cts Female Mites &c.
not yet designated \$6. 50cts — Support of the poor of the Church
\$6. 00cts — And for my Salary \$8. 75cts

Connected with the Church is a Sunday School containing
41 Teachers — And 110 Scholars — And 175 Volumes
in the Library, and a weekly Bible Class of some
15 pupils —

It will be seen that this Report is somewhat deficient
in the amount of work done, for the last quarter.
There are fewer Sermons, and fewer Visits — Miles trav-
elled &c. than usual. The only apology I have to give
is this. The Lord has been pleased to cause us to
slove in the prevailing sickness of the season

(contd)

Myself and most of my family^{suffered} more or less.
On the 24th of Sept. I was prostrated with Chilblains
and after many relapses I am gradually regaining
my health. Although I have done but little that
little has often been performed in "great weakness
and much trembling" - So much so that attempting
to preach on one Sabbath morning I "fainted away"
during the first prayer & was obliged to give up and
take my bed. - I have now preached 3 Sabbaths in
succession and hope soon to enjoy my usual health.

But during all my sickness, The church was not
destitute of preaching on any Sabbath, being enabled
to secure a supply from the pulpit and most of these
supplies were of a good order of preaching. (much better
probably than mine!) - I have in most cases Repeated
those sermons - except 2 on 3 where the Brethren had
made provision. There were not repeated -

I have also been able to aid the Trustees in circulating a
subscription for enclosing our house of worship. Most of that
work has fell upon me - and my sickness has been a
serious obstacle to complete success. Yet I have done
what I could, & am still doing. -

The house is Enclosed & painted one coat, & all but
the Sash, Glass & columns which will soon be finished.
It looks very neat & genteel and is much admired.

I believe you will please with it. If you come out next
Summer, and make us a visit. The expense however will
come very heavy on a few.

Our Spiritual State is not what it ought to be - but I think there is an increasing spirit of prayer among the brethren & Sisters and some indications of good among the unconverted. I am looking for a better state of things, and if my health becomes finer, and God do not prevent, by his grace I will endeavor to tell you a more cheering story at the end of the next quarter! The Lord help me to perform this now!

Our Young Miss'g Soc'y - (the general ~~one~~ for Wisconsin) holds its first Annual Meeting at Prairieville next Tuesday. We hope the right kind of Miss'g feeling & spirit will be promoted.

I think the indications in Wisconsin & Illinois are more favorable for Revivals this winter than for some months past. I have rec'd invitations from ~~Chicago~~ - ~~Racine~~ - ~~Elgin~~ - ~~Beloit~~ many places in the Territory to aid them in a series of meetings, but my health & my own city's wants prohibit my leaving, and if I strike you a "Victory" must begin at home! -

But I must close these dazzling remonstrances yet in closing permit me to say I expect the Board although they may be disheartened by the Year-Reports of their Missionaries this fall will shout Hallelujah! with us next April!

The Lord grant it for his sake!

If the Board will send a draft for the amount due they will confer a great favor as I am at this time very much in need of it. In haste & subscribe myself & even yours in a precious Savior -
Benjamin Hill. Lewis Foyoung.

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John G. M. Stark
Hon. Sec. Am. Acad. New York Soc.
Prof. Dr. J. C. Grauer, dit

Placine March 24, 1846

Dear Brother

It is with feelings of regret, that I ever under the necessity of exciting your feelings with such bad news, but so it is, and the story must be told. Last fall, Benjamin was attacked with the inflammatory rheumatism in his left arm. It continued worse until it spread all over his limbs, and finally struck to his body and was sick a long time, it then seemed to leave him, and we thought he was getting better, but instead of that, it had fastened on his heart, and raged there until Saturday the twenty first of March at half past nine, in the evening when he yielded to the cold arms of Death. Services preached by Rev. C. F. Le Fevre, of Milwaukee services commenced by reading the fifteenth Chapter of Corinthians, commencing at the twentieth verse

Text. Ecclesiastes 12. 6 & 7. verses, from
which he delivered a very eloquent
disourse.

He left a wife and an infant
daughter, 2 weeks and a half old.
The rest of us enjoy as good health as
usual. Have written to all of our
relatives. Had a letter from Johnson a
few days ago, Father was very sick,
confined to his bed most of the
time, and no one there but Mother
& Arozina, to take care of him. Mother's
health is very poor also, Arozina is
teaching school this winter, and they
are alone most of the time.

We are all as well as usual, George
and his wife is living in town. &
G. is making Threshing Machines.
I have spent the winter here in
painting window curtains, don't
know as I shall continue in that
business as it is not so good as
I expected, write soon. S. A. Perkins

Mr. Wm. H. Mann
293 Chapel St.,
New Haven, Conn.



Columbia County W^T Oct^r 26 1846

Dear Sister

Your letter of the 16th and 22 came to hand a few days ago and I take the pleasure this morning to answer it. I was very much pleased to hear from you and to hear that you were well. It seems indeed that the family has indeed been afflicted the summer past but I was glad to hear that they were so far recovered as they had have. I did not go to Spring Prairie as I talked of just remained where I am and probably shall during the winter as I shall not be able to come to see you this fall though I should be very glad to do so & could I make it convenient to but as it is I think I had better stay in Wisconsin another winter and you must not think me unkind or unmerciful of home for I want to see you all very much more especially as mothers health is so poor but I hope that by the time I hear from you again she will be better even well. my health is good at present though I have been surrounded with sickness on every hand mostly the ague with some cases of bilious fever though there has been a good deal of sickness there has been no deaths in the neighborhood where I reside and the sickness is abating very fast and lest you think that it is a sickly place here I will state that it as healthy as any part of Wisconsin for such a season for sickness has not been known since the country was settled even the healthiest parts of the country where the ague was never known it now abounds and that in copious effusions. The water here is very good and there is plenty of government land yet but whether there is or will be any by next spring that will suit Samuel or not I cannot tell as the best chances for government land is gone by but should he come to Wisconsin I shall expect to see him here and it may be that he can suit himself here.

John Cooley was here a fortnight ago looking at the country but did not buy here as he went farther and did not return this way he living of on Spring Prairie he told me that Elias's people were well though Henry had been sick with a fever but had got well

The even crop this season is a good one it will not be more than 25 cents per bushel if it is that in cash wheat can be bought for fifty cents per bushel at present potatoes is rather a light crop this year owing to the dry weather as it has been very warm and dry ~~this~~ the summer, past beef is worth from 3 to 4 dollars per 100 pounds butter the last I heard was a shilling a pound cheese is ten cents a pound open are from 80 to 60 Dollars a yoke cow in the spring was from 12 to 20 dollars a head pork ~~fat~~ probably ^{wilt} be from 3 to 4 or 5 dollars a hundred pounds

The Prairies are now burning and a grand sight it is especially in the night to see the fire extending for a mile or more it looks beautiful the other ~~the~~ evening the fire was ~~so~~ so brilliant that we could see verry well to have done any thing out of doors that we might have felt disposed it being a verry dark cloudy night, and to see the smoke ascending in every direction makes me think of the burning of follows at home and as I have no marriages to relate and am as I am somewhat in a hurry I must bring this to a close after saying give my respects to all that may enquire for me especially to Jesse George Samuel and their families give my respects to Mrs Spencer Mr Loyd Lathrop and tell them that I should be very glad to see any or all of them here and should Samuel come here I shall expect to see you and William here without fail write as soon as you get this and let me know how you get along and if mother gets worse let me know it let me know of who preaches ~~on~~ on the circuit this year and as I have nothing more at present I will close after subscribing myself your affectionate brother

L B Enos

Julia Enos

Raid 10

Miss Julia Eng
South Hickland
Oneida County
N.Y.

(146)
C. L. Nichols

Montgomery N.Y.
Oct 21

Fox Lake January the 5, 1846

Dear Parents

Probably you have looked and longed for a letter from me this long time, but have looked and wished in vain. I own that I have been negligent for some reason, I hardly know ~~not~~ why, but by the providence of God I am still in the land of the living, and enjoy good health. I think that I can say that my trust is still in that God, whose ear is ever open to the cries of his people, and I think that I realize that from him comes all the blessings, and comforts that I enjoy. I have not forgot to bow the suppliant knee before him, and to call upon his name knowing that in pray there ~~is~~ is more comfort to be taken than in following the pleasures of this world, though I cant say that my heart is, at all times right ~~be~~ before God, or that at all times I feel that love which is the privilege of the children of God, but at times I think I feel his love as shed abroad in my heart, which makes me rejoice and be glad. You must not be angry with me for staying away from home thus long, for I considered that it would be better for me & not to come home ~~the~~ last fall so I concluded to stay this winter.

I left Spring Prairie about the first of December, and am now living in Portage County, and am to work for myself, I saw Henry Deming a short time before I left Spring Prairie he had just got back from Parish, having staid awhile at his uncle's in the western part of New York, and from there he came by land, his uncles Steven and John came with him as far as Nelson Story's, ~~&~~ within about ~~the~~ twenty ~~five~~ miles of Elias, the fourth of July last I saw William Huntington on Spring Prairie, and I tell you that I was glad to see him, he told me that you was all well the last he heard from you

you which was a short time before he left Seibazhe
told me that Lathrop was married, and was ~~taken~~ taking
all the comfort in the world.

Joseph Cooley, Tim and Maria, all arrived on Spring Prairie about the first of September, with expectations large, and hopes big, in prospect of a better living. Mr Cooley told me that Julia was coming to Wisconsin next spring, and that without fail, if so I should like to know it. Mr Cooley liked the Country very much, and thought that from its appearance, it ~~was~~ that it is far better than Parish, to get a living in.

I am not married yet; but how soon I shall be is hard telling. The Country where I am is new, being settled mostly the summer past with the exceptions of a few families, but it has settled very fast, people from all Countries have sought, and found a home here in the woods and on the Prairies of Wisconsin, people from England, Wales and Scotland, and even the emerald Isle has not forgotten to cast ~~their~~ sons upon the hospitable shores of Wisconsin, and even the hardy sons and daughters of Nova Scotia, together with the yankie of New England, and from nearly all parts of the United States are here, yea and even the peasantry of the cold and frozen regions of Norway, have not been unmindful of a better Country, but have braved the tempestuous waves of old Ocean, and the blustering Lakes, and have in Wisconsin, found a home and an asylum where undisturbed they can live and follow the professions that they have chosen, but yet I see that you are not among the number, but why do I complain at a few months or a few years separation here, ~~when~~ for we are all hastening to the spirit world and it will be but a short time before we get there and if we have an interest in the blood of the Redeemer, we shall be ~~with~~ met in an a better Country than Wisconsin and on brighter plains than any of the Praies here for here notwithstanding the fertility of the soil, the mildness of the climate

and the facility of acquiring property, happiness without alloy is not to be found here for sickness reigns here as elsewhere pain is not a stranger to the people of w^{est} Wisconsin but sorrow pain and death are felt and feared here as elsewhere. But in yonder Heaven, we shall be free from them all, for God will then be our friend, Heaven our home, Angels and the spirits of the just made perfect will then be our company, and to sing the praises of our God will then be our delight, and happiness undisturbed and without a mixtur of grief will then be our portion.

And now lest you should be troubled on my account I can say that I am as much at home here as I should be in my fathers house my health is as I said before is good I have enough to eat work enough to do and a pretty good disposition to do it therefore I have no time to be homesick though I often think of home and the joys of home and comforts of home and as it is an imperfect way of communicating our thoughts by letter yet we had ought to prize the privilege of thus conversing when absent yet could I see you and sit down as in days gone by and have a social chat around the hearth in that old house by the side of grinn stone Creek I could tell many things that I dont think of now or if I do there is not room to write them all in so short a letter as this so what I dont think to write now you must wait until another opportunity for writing as I dont intend to be negligent for the future in writing as I have been and I should like to have you write to me as soon as you get this and let me know all about matters and things how you yet along where William has been this summer just what he has been doing whether he ever is coming to Wisconsin or not and if he is how soon I should like to have him or any of the rest of you to come here if you could make it convenient to come especially if any of you are coming next summer give my respects to all who may enquire after me tell Marys little girls that I have not forgotten them and Rufus that he must be a good boy and the rest of ~~the~~ your grandchildren dont know and as I have filled my sheet I will close direct your letters to Fox Lake Dodge County Wisconsin Territory so I will tire your patience no farther so your bid
your affectionate son L B Eny

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Janesville April 10th 1846

My Dear Uncle

Your letter of Feb 12th was duly rec'd

& should have been answered long before - as usual my time has been so much occupied that an opportunity never presented itself that I could conveniently embrace - I have been to the Lake several times this winter with wheat for the merchants rec'd 15^d per bushel for carting & bringing back lumber for \$5. a thousand - & this with an Ox team has taken no inconsiderable part of the time - We were all much gratified to hear of your happiness & prosperity & that your condition was as usual peace & plenty - peace if not plenty reigns in our family & we have some of the comforts if not the luxuries of life at least we are favoured with general health have no contentions with our fellows but keep quietly busy about our own business hoping & trusting that if a kind providence smiles upon our endeavours, we shall once more lift our heads from the dust, to which by the late contract & Father's being detained from his family so long at Buffalo we had been completely leveled - Respecting your advice in your last we have followed it to the letter - as to Thomas we have quit dealing with him, quit his company, & in every respect let him alone - When he came here last fall it was my desire to live peaceably, but he appeared to be uneasy unless he could quarrell with some one - every time I met him he threatened to take the law of me, to put me in the Log jail at Janesville &c &c & we have heard repeatedly from neighbours expressions to the same effect, he has said he intended to hold a rod over me & was only waiting for me to get a little a head & then he was going to attend to my case since his quarrel with Mr Dean - his troubles with Mr Carter & some

4 or 5 law-suits with the neighbours he has said but little to me — He has made a great fuss about the timber cut on his land — Now I have not cut a stick since I gave up possession of the land & then certainly I had a right moreover I can buy more for \$5 than I ever brought from there
He gave me permission to get stone from the quarry — I went to the expense of hiring them dug & drew some away then came a letter from him forbidding me to touch another stone & there they remain (a fine way for him to get stone dug I think) The land the quarry is on I claimed, & could have sold the claim for 20/- an acre but he never allowed me one copper for my pains, expense of shanty, making claim, or anything of the kind — as I had made one claim I could not make another & that was a disadvantage to me — going to Milwaukie at the time he entered his land I was at all the expense of traveling he being out of change just at that time with upwards of \$800 in his pocket — My expenses going to Mil'while there & returning were \$8 — which was entirely for his benefit now he has the land & has never been allowed to me — I was at \$6 expense breaking his land for a garden while I had possession — last summer Carter called upon us as we had a breaking team to finish it — we thought if we finished it he would be man enough to pay us the whole — we worked another day with our team which was worth \$2 more Thomas then called upon us to draw hay for Mr Carter he said Mr Carter was away with his team & the Hay liable to spoil — we worked another day with the team & have recd nothing as yet for either — If we had then adopted the maxim in your letter we should have had the labour on our own land & consider we have been gainers ever since we have acted upon it — These circumstances I should not have mentioned had it not been for the talk he has made about the damage done to his timber &c. He said in the winter that he rec'd a letter from yourself in which you expressed your

unwillingness for him to take the law of us unless we had injured him very deeply. advising him to bear & forbear, undering good for evil &c & saying if the damage did not exceed \$100 you would pay it to him - He has spent the entire winter on the prairie attending to his business here - has been rather unfortunate in some things, has lost about 375 sheep besides several lawsuits - has as yet no crop on the ground no profit coming from his land & if he prospers with that land Mr Becker has not spoken truly when he says money got by unjust means is God's sharpest curse upon the getter - May 11th - Since writing the above I have been very busy & have not had leisure to finish it - I have been to the Lake in the time which makes 7 trips - making between 8 & 900 miles I have driven an ox team on the road this winter besides drawing all our fire wood 5 miles, going to mill &c - driving an ox team on the road is the hardest business I ever followed & I hope soon to see the day when I shall not be obliged to do it for a living - we finished breaking our land last summer as expected, sowed about 70 acres to wheat last fall that looks well now & a fair prospect of a good crop. Mother arrived here the latter part of September lived with us about 6 weeks in the shanty - we then erected a small house & moved into it just before cold weather - we managed by great economy & industry to live through the winter & hope still to live along until after harvest. we have sowed 20 acres to oats & are now very busy planting intend to plant about 10 acres the remainder of our land (about 20 acres) we have rented some for 20¢ an acre & some for 1/3 the crop -

I suppose you think I might have answered your letter long before & true I might but my time has been all occupied & I have put it off for a more convenient season it seems though I never had an hours leisure - Our cattle run on the prairie & having no horse it takes a great deal of time to look them up - this morning I walked 6 miles after them (& this is no uncommon occurrence) before breakfast - my health is good & I can endure almost any hardship - Fathers health is ~~as~~ good as can be expected for the last considering the sickness & trouble he has endured few years - his mind is as good in business matters as I ever knew it - He is troubled with Rheumatism in his hip he thinks caused by so much travelling Mothers health is much the same as it was when at your house, is able to be about house but not able to do much work - Frances & her husband have been living with us since November - Frances has a daughter born the 9th inst she is quite comfortable - We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Sirzah & hope she will soon regain her health

we would like very much to hear how she is now - I feel very
greatfull to aunt Williams for her ~~present~~ kind remembrance of me
& consider her present a very valuable work. Mother & Frances desire an
affectionate remembrance to her the cousins & yourself in which Father &
myself unite - we shall ever be happy to hear of from you & of your
health & prosperity - I remain yours with sincere regard

Luke Cheshire

From Luke Cheshire
dated April 10th day
11. 1845 rec'd. after
return. from Wm.
June 30. 1846

George
C. New Haven
Loyd & Williams



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Milwaukee W. T. July 1st 1846.

To Rev. Dr. M. Miller Son Secy. of Am. Bapt. Home Miss. Soc'y.
Dear Brother

Herein I send you my Report of Xmasm.
Under the Appointment of the Home Mission Soc'y for the Quarter
ending July 1st 1846. My field comprises the City of
Milwaukee and some 5 to 10 or 15 miles ^{in extent} around it.—I
Stationally supply 4 Stations.—My place of residence is this city.
—Post Office Milwaukee W. T.—I have laboured
13 weeks in the Quarter. —Preached 48 Sermons—
Delivered 8 Lectures on Benevolent Subjects—Attended
21 prayer meetings — And 26 other Religious Meetings.
—And made 62 Religious Visits.—Have Baptized
8 persons—Attended 5 funerals & solemnized 2 marriages.
—I have travelled to & from my appointments 534 miles.
—9 persons have been received by Letter & by Experi-
ence — And we hope 5. on 6 converted.—The monthly
Convent for Prayer is regularly observed at one of
my stations. — My people have paid during the
Quarter for Zion Missions \$74-81^c — ~~For my salary \$120~~
— From the Support of the Poor of the ~~Ch.~~ \$25-50 ~~\$12=61^c~~
Connected with the Church is a Sabbath School having
97 Scholars — 11 Teachers & 180 Volumes in the Library.
—The two Elect of the classes (one male, the other female)
in the Sunday School are termed Bible Blooms — And
the Teachers also hold a weekly meeting for the Mutual
Organization of the lesson under the direction of the ~~Superintendent~~.

Our School is also connected with a City Sunday School Union which holds monthly meetings in our House. They are well attended & promise much good. There has also been formed the past winter a Territorial S. School Union, of which our Superintendent (Dr. W. H. Byrnes) is President.

We think our School although not as large as some others in the city holds a fair comparison with those of the other denominations. This department of educational effort is on the advance in the Territory.

There is at present no special spiritual interest in the church yet we are at peace among ourselves and moving on pleasantly in duty. Our Sabbath worship is well attended and many of our social meetings are "Heavenly places in Christ Jesus" yet we need greatly the "mighty workings of God's Spirit." The congregation is slowly increasing.

Although the church gradually increases in members yet we are a kind of Spiritual "Flock wandering about" as many stay but but a short time among and then pass on. And many of the more able & wealthy of the denominations that emigrate to this country settle in the interior. None but such as learned by experience the difficulties of sustaining a church in these Lake Towns at the West can fully sympathize with us.

The present total of members of the church is 145 yet of that number probably 20 or 25 are already removed beyond our limits and will soon take letters, or if not, cannot aid in supporting the cause here.

It may appear in comparing the amount of offerings in this Report, with the amount stated in the Application that a less number is reported. This is owing to the fact,

that by consent of the Church in this City I aided Bro. S. Tucker
of Racine 6 weeks last winter (having my pulpit supplied here)
and done nearly all the Preaching and also spent 8 or 10
days at Oak Creek. In both places the Lord owned the
effort and a glorious Revival followed - and many were
converted. I have Baptized into the Fellowship of the Oak Creek
Church 12 - 4 of those numbered in this Report are thus
converted. The little ~~club~~ at that place are still without
a Pastor. Yet my other labours ~~will~~ will not allow me
to go there much this season.

The brethren & sisters in Milwaukee are liberal and yet
we possess but little worldly goods. Their sacrifices to stablish
our House of worship - none despised them of doing as much
in the cause of benevolence as we could desire, yet they
love all the different departments of benevolent effort supported
by the denomination. Last January we paid over 16 dollars to the
Wisconsin Baptist Missionary Convention for the support of Bro.
P. Boardman their Missionary. - This accounts for the absence of
anything from Dom. Miss. in this Report. The ~~club~~ & congregation
have subscribed for the support of the Pastor for the
~~Year~~ from ending Dec 1st 1846 \$12=00. which will show
their compliance with the terms proposed by the Board in my
Circular. (Said contribution was rec'd on the 3^d Inst.)

I had the privilege of being present at the Anniversary
of the Northern Illinois ~~Secy~~ at Bristol, June 3^d & 4th and also
at the Walworth ~~Secy~~ of this Territory on the 4th Inst. & then of
June - at Whitewater. In both places a strong effort was
made (& in the latter a resolution passed) to Banish the churches
to the Free Missy Soc. - The resolution at the Walworth ~~Secy~~
I believe passed with a majority of one! Many ~~club~~'s now revo-
iced to send their funds through that channel.

On these
occasions your Missionary endeavored to defend the
Home Mission Soc. & American Bap. Miss. Union from the
false accusations of their officers. Among the most
vigilant & bitter I met with was Bro. J. E. Strong
of Ills.

But it is hard work here at the West to convince
many that these great societies have entirely "but loose"
gather all connection with Slavery. The Lord hasten the Period
when all may see & rejoice in such a result!

I close this Report
by saying, If the Board can pay the \$100 - they kindly add
your labours - and the amount due on the first quarter
up to July, they will do me the greatest kindness - as
(own)

by long delay = I have become seriously embarrassed in
my pecuniary matters having been forced by dire necessity
to see my family suffer or go into debt.
I draft you the amount specified as due - at the earliest
possible period will be very acceptable. Please forward the
inscriptions of this Report. And pray for us all of which is
respectfully Submitted - Lewis Raymond Missionary
Am. for Mr. Hill.

Lewis Raymond Missionary

L. Raymond Milwaukee, W. I.

July 1, 1845

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Aug 2nd
Aug 3rd
Aug 4th
Aug 5th

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New P. M. Hill
Box No. 100. Bap. Home Miss. Soc.
1854 Brown St
New York

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July 19th Not being able to finish my report before the meeting
of the Wisconsin Bap. Miss Convention - I will now add a note. -
The convention met at East Troy on the 8th Inst at 10 o'clock A. M. -
After the Annual Service by Bro. Pickett a collection was taken up
for the convention. The Pres't Bro. Miller took the chair & a com'
of business was appointed & one adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M. The
Board then settled with their Miss'g Bro. Van Vickle & done their business
at each the Miss' read his Report & the Sec'y of the Board made
his Report & the Treas' in the where all the business was done & being
joined economy of action together was impossible at present - The
meeting dissolved - And the brethren returned to a Grove & some of the Bap.
men of Waukesha - to sustain the Home Miss. Soc. & the Union \$119 were pled.
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Green Bay W.D.
Feb: 16th 1846.

How are I beloved Father

I was very much gratified as were also Mrs Porter & Miss Waters by the reception of your kind good letter. It came by due course of mail, tho. kindred run by muddle & tedious roads, & reached us Sat: eve two days since. I am grateful to God for sparing your life to such a good old age, & for enabling you to communicate your christian, paternal feelings to your far distant children & grand children. May you still be long preserved to pray for the peace of Zion & the prosperity of Zion. We are beginning to ask in the language of the prophet: "The fathers, where are they, & the prophets do they live forever?" Doubtless many are in a strait between two having a desire to depart & be with Christ which is far better; nevertheless it is more needful for us that they should abide. I hope that many of the good New England Fathers will be spared until our land shall be converted to God. Good Dr Sheppard, & see by the newspaper, has just gone to his rest in a ripe old age. He survived Dr Hyde many years. But they have probably now met & cast their crowns adoringly at the feet of their Savior. When you are called home what an immense number of the friends of your early days will you find among the blood washed there, & tho. Christ will be the greatest attraction of that glorious world you will certainly find sincere pleasure in meeting those with whom you have taken sweet counsel here. Heaven has many attractions so that you I trust can confidently affirm: "To me to live is Christ & to die is gain." It must certainly be great unspeakable gain to leave this world of sin, & sorrow & disappointment, & to enter that world where the wicked cease from troubling & the warfare at rest. I hope you may yet be spared many years, dear father, & rejoice in them all, & finally, thro. infinite grace in Christ be handed peacefully down to your quiet grave. In the mean while pray much for us & our children, that we may all be holy.

Our winter has passed away rapidly & delightfully, the weather has been spring like & for some time we have had no snow in our streets & the wheeling has been fire like summer. We have only to regret that we are accomplishing so little in the work of the Lord. My audience are large, interesting & solemn, I sometimes see tears in the eyes of my hearers, yet none are converted, that I can learn. We have felt as tho. we must not let this winter pass without seeing the salvation of God, still the vision tames. Folly, indifference & sin in its various forms are increasing among us. There are some mourners in Zion & hope, but more I fear that are at ease.

I was glad to learn from your letter that there were some tokens for good in Hadley, & today I have had good news from Fond du Lac, or rather Taycheda a settlement about 50 miles south of us. There in connection with the labors of Baptist ministers a number have been hopefully converted. Among them are the aged parents of two of the sisters of my church here. Those parents, Mr & Mrs Smith, came out from St. about two years since, & tho. serious people were most decided Universalists, Mr Smith studied the Bible much & prayed in his family, which was an anomaly among those of his persuasion. His daughter told me to day that he now stands truly converted & with his wife had been baptized. Taycheda is the present residence of Ex Governor Doty & Lamadrye, & I hope the Lord is laying the foundations for efficient churches there.

Last week one of our aged citizens, Old Judge Law was buried. He was an early settler of Green Bay, an Indian trader & partner in the Amherst Far Co. He has left a large family of children by an Indian wife, she died some years since in the Papal church & her children are papists. He had opposed the family in their religion & has utterly neglected religion himself. I called in his dying days & was informed that he was so low & insensible that he could make no conversation, after that for a week he grew more & more insensible, yet a papal Priest pretends that he was converted a week after

my call. So he baptised him; & his friends now look upon him as having died a good Catholic. The amount of his religion consisted in this; He expressed a wish to be buried beside his wife. This he could not be unless he was baptised in the Romish Ch: So I suppose he did express a willingness to be Baptised. But whether he was conscious of what he was doing is doubtful. The priest who baptised him is a poor intemperate man. The officiating priest in town disapproved the act of the other, & it is said refused to baptise the old gentleman. And at the funeral, which I attended with a large concourse of our protestant citizens, in some 35 vehicles of various kinds, the priest after saying the last prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased, in an unknown tongue, said in English; that it was most foolish & irrational to waste life in pursuit of riches, pleasures & fame, & then expect that at the hour of death a priest could admit the ^{soul} to heaven. And concerning the deceased he said: "He knew little of him, as he had but recently become a member of the church, & how he became a member he did not know as he had no hand in it." He did not say these things to wound the feelings of any one, but because they were true & now could see it. I was greatly surprised & rejoiced to hear these remarks, I feared an impression would be left on the minds of the skeptical & indifferent world, that they might be despisers of God & murderers, by alcohol, by wholesale, & yet go right from such scenes, by some priest by hours passed, to heaven. I was delighted to hear Mr. Carabine, the priest bear his solemn protest against such an opinion. The wicked & the adulterous generally are displeased & believe with Mr. C. that he has conscientiously performed his duty.

Last Sabbath at the Methodist ch: we attended the funeral of an other of our citizens who has been many months past in away, & of whom I once had good hopes but I fear he died as the foot dieht!

There is a lady now on her dying bed, probably the session intend this afternoon to meet in her sick room & examine her for admission to the church. She is the mother of eight living children & her wicked husband

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May 16 1846

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Dr William Porter

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Greene Walworth Co Wis. U.S.

July 13th/46

To Rev D. M. Hill, Cor. Sec. of Am. Bap. Home Miss. Soc.

Herein I send you my report of labors, under the appointment of the Home Mission Society, for the quarter ending July 1st 1846.

My field comprises the village & town of Greene Walworth County, Wisconsin Territory

I statedly supply 4 stations. My place of residence is Greene Walworth Co Wisconsin. My Post Office is

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I have labored 13 weeks in the quarter; preached 32 sermons; delivered 1 lecture on moral subjects; attended 24 prayer meetings, & 6 other religious meetings; visited religiously 13 families, & 10 individuals, & 1 Common School; baptised none, obtained no signatures to Temperance pledge; have assistance in the organisation of no Chh^s; at the ordination of no Ministers, & have travelled to & from my appointments 150 miles; 2 persons have been received by letter; none by experience, & none have been converted; No young men are preparing for the ministry in this Chh; & the Monthly Concert is observed at 1 of my stations.

My people have paid nothing during the quarter for Mission, Bible Publication or Education Soc^s. Toward my salary I have received \$ 60. 00

The Chks at Geneva are engaged in finishing their
Meeting house, we have no Sabbath School or Bible
Clubs distinct from other denominations.

We have delayed the organisation of these not because
we have not felt a deep interest in them, but for the
want of a convenient place & time at our com-
mand, to hold them, & also with the hope that by so
doing we might make such preliminary arrangements
in the way of procuring libraries &c as would enable
us to start under favorable auspices & with the prospect
of permanent success. I have felt ~~this~~ to be the more
important that we should start right & with some
momentum in these matters as our presbytery
Brⁿ have for some time been occupying the whole
ground, have a large library &c &c, & though we
would not despise the day of small things, we are de-
termined to be respectable even in the eyes of our neighbors.
My report is less full & less perfect this quarter than
I could desire, as I had not noted all the items
~~not respecting~~ & anticipating what might be required.
I am also unavoidably behind the time in report-
ing, as your "Commission" did not reach me till
after the 1st of July.

The terms of the Commission, met my approval & shall
on my part, be strictly complied with.

The Draft for the Quarter ending July 1st, you may
if you please, remit to me soon.

Very truly yours
Jarl W. Fish

Post M. Sub General M. S.
July 13. 1864
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1st quarter left.
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Rev. Benjamin H. Hill
Genl. Secy.
American Bapt. Home Missionary
New York

