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Nahoboth Dec 20 1845

Br Limby

I received your favor
a few days ago and was much
gladified to hear from you and especially
to hear of welfare and prosperity

Through mercy we are all well
at present for which we desire to
feel thankful to the donor of all
our blessings. We feel ourselves
pleasantly situated at this place and
hope to have a pleasant year

Things as you know were in
an unpleasant state at Nahoboth and
also at Chilcotes how we shall succeed
in getting matters settled up is yet a
matter that we cannot divine. We are
however got the matter on the anvil
and I hope shall succeed by the help
of the good Lord in making the crooked
places straight and the rough smooth

My colleague in Hamilton
seems to be a host in the matter
of peace making amongst his old friends
and the difficulties as you know are
mostly amongst the old members

Br Hamilton is well received
on the 1st the only objection is his
speaking so low. I have had
a two days meeting at this place
14 joined the church and some
10 or 12 professed religion

Our first quarterly meeting
is over it was at Chilcotes where there

Nahoboth
Dec 20 1845

Let James B Limby

Columbus St

Ohio

South Western
Dec 1846

is so much difficulty the weather was
bad and of consequence congregation small
all things considered we had a pleasant
meeting. The Larneron and E. Dene was
present and we are much pleased with
his movements and think he is the
right kind of a man. He preaches a
plain path. Larneron and seems to
have the good of the cause at heart.

I am glad we have him in concert.
Our it done well in its
purposes. They have met the whole
claim for the quarter except 5 dollars.
The last they say they have even done
on the first quarter.

The great difficulty we have
to contend with is the neglect of Class
meeting. And I am convinced if there
is not something done to wake up the
ministry in our conference on this subject
it will not be long before Class meeting
will be a dead letter amongst us.

The Steward in Lexington told after
having led Class there that it was the
first time for five years he had
seen the preacher with book reading
Class. At other places they say the
preachers contended it was not their
duty and you know the old Proverb
like priest like people and it is
true in relation our Class meeting.

Is there no way to reach this matter
in conference so as to wake up both
preachers and people on this subject?

I know that this is matter in which
you feel an interest and I hope

while you linger amongst our the
walls of Zion you will not fail to lift
your pen and voice on the subject for
I am one that believes that when these
institutions close amongst us we shall be shorn
of our strength as a church and become
like other men.

Bro. Mountain
wishes me to remember him kindly to you.

Miss Newson sends her best wishes
to you and kindly says I must tell
you he is a good boy. I want you
to write to me soon again for
I shall always be pleased to hear from
you. Give my respects to P. A. M.
and Grover and keep a good
share for yourself.

Yours in love
L. B. Stanley L. Newson