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Thomas Mason

Charles Elliott

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Bro. Young appointed the 2^d Meeting to be here on the 22 and 23 of March
 And we intend to hold one then, whether you will be present or not.
 Bro D. Young is then expected. Perhaps you may think we calculate
 too much. But I would say that unless these things are both calculated
 and also carried into effect, the establishment will be more expensive, or fall
 entirely through. tho' the prospect is now very flattering.

Mr. Prudden
 Jacob Snider
 W. C. Cram

12 1/2
 1822
 Rev. James B. Finley, #
 Rev. Charles Elliott
~~Upper Sandusky~~
 Hodgeville Warren County
 Ohio

1822
 No 3--
 J. Mason &
 Elliott
 from N. York

Bro Young bought one working girl, and hired Mr. Walker for one
 year for 100 dollars. We must have a school mistress. Sister Baste
 is still sick, and expects to be able to come no sooner than spring, if then.
 I do not think we can do without her, or somebody like that time. I expect
 I shall be under the necessity to go for one some where. I will soon write
 to you, and want you to write to me as soon as you receive this
 letter, without fail.

Dear Brother,
 New York Dec^r 10 1822

Two or three weeks ago I sent a large
 Box containing articles of clothing & bed clothing prepa-
 red by the Managers of the Methodist Female Missions
 Society of this City for the use of the Wyandott
 Mission - The Box is directed to Rev. James B. Finley
 Missionary, Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Care of Mr.
 Borworth, Watchmaker, Buffalo N.Y. I fear are
 entertained that it will not reach Sandusky this
 winter, as it was so late before it was sent from this
 place - It would have been forwarded much sooner
 but soon after they began to collect and make up the arti-
 cles the fever broke out in the City and scattered the
 persons employed in the work, and consequently it
 was not finished until their return after the fever had
 ceased. There is also in the Box a small Chest of Tea
 which perhaps will be acceptable.

The Juvenile Finleyan Society of Baltimore have
 made appropriations for the Education & Support
 of two Indian Children to be selected by Rev. J.
 B. Finley, to be called Francis & Mary
 Fletcher. They have not yet been informed whether
 these children have been selected and named according
 to their wishes; and for lack of which the Society is
 like to decline. I am requested by the Secy. of the Baltimore

Conference Missionary Society, Mr Wm Browne, to represent to Mr Finley the importance of giving immediately the necessary information to the Juvenile Society & of keeping up a correspondence with them on the subject, stating from time to time the conduct and improvement of the two children.

improvement of the
It is earnestly requested by the Managers of the
Parent Society, that the Missionaries should frequently
write to their Cor. Secy, and give information relating
to the state of their Missions - This should be done
monthly, or quarterly at farthest. It will be in
vain to expect to excite a general interest in behalf
of our Missions unless we can inform the
people that something has been done and that more
is doing. The Board of Managers have it in contempla-
tion to publish a Quarterly Missionary Notice,
to be distributed, in order to excite an interest in
favour of the Missions, but if they receive little
or no information from them - they can have
little or nothing to publish -

With earnest prayers for your success in the good work
in which you are engaged I am Dear Brother

Youngin Christian Bond

Thomas Mason

As Secy. U. S. M. & C.

I send you this letter which I received a few days ago. Perhaps the box of clothes, sent to Buffalo is that you thought was lost. I need not say, that it will be necessary for you to write to Buffalo respecting them. I wrote to Baltimore this night, to the Juvenile Society, lest this letter might not reach you in time to write before they might decline. Bro. Yarny got here last Sunday afternoon, but unfortunately Francis went away on Monday morning without calling. The Lord is with us. Our prayer meetings are well attended. We have, by Bro. Yarny's advice commenced making an great enclosure. We calculate first to enclose, all the space between an south fence and Mr. Shaw's field, by running a fence along the river, to meet Mr. Shaw's one produced, and by producing the west fence of an present enclosure to join his fence also, Next we intend to commence to make the enclosure as I wrote to you and do as much at it as we can. We calculate to be ploughing whenever the frost is out of the ground and have 30 acres in corn at least. Bro. Yarny thinks it would be much better ^{and cheaper} to build the kitchen and school house with brick. The dimensions he gave us of the kitchen was 28 by 18 or 16, and those of the school house 36 by 18, and we intend to cut the logs for sawing to these dimensions. I bought 200 bushels of corn for the high price of 35 cents per bushel. I paid 53 dollars for pork and beef, and we have no more than a supply for 2 weeks. Expecting you to bring a drove of hogs, and being out of money I made no provision and the pork is now all bought up so that I must send for it to Delaware. We ought to have several thousands weight of pork laid in this winter, but this I cannot do, for want both of money and means. Bro. Yarny engages to send us 40 barrels of flour, in part pay for which I gave him 40 dollars; he will buy all he can. We cannot spare Barnabas and the horses, so that you must find some other way of sending things to us than by taking him. I do not think he can even go to Urbana. I must buy two or three cars at least. I must borrow money from somebody, till I see you. I am yours
Chas. Elliott

Chas Elliott