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The Rev. A. W. Hurlburt
Sandusky

Dr Bro Hurlburt

I am at Bro Fowler's
about to return home to Dayton,
and he abouts to start to Sandusky,
nothing particular to say but what
Bro. Fowler will relate you,
Methodism is increasing in Dayton,
much will depend on our arrange-
ments the ensuing year —

I am truly gratified to hear
of the success and prospects of your
mission, but the secret seems
always to have its better attendant
as in the case of sister Hurlburt's
illness — about Ben's sick-
ness generally, but Dayton is healthy,

Bro John P. H. was with us a few
days ago, he has returned to Piquette
to prepare to remove to Augusta
Kentucky in a few weeks, your
father was well & glad to see him
this week —

I am sorry that such an in-
efficient journal about Dayton
to the cause of Missions, the
dull hard times is the general
cry, I feel but faint hopes
of our doing any thing, in
spite the methodist of our
part of the country have neither
a missionary spirit, or any
spirit for education or improve-

ment — I really wish our Presiding
Elder's & preachers would attend to
this more to counteract the misfor-
tune —

"
I have sent the Dayton Watch-
man "regularly, writes me if you
get any thing you most feel a
liberty on our missionary subjects.

In haste I am your unworthy
brother Geo Smith Houston
July 22^d. 1822