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24th Feb 1823

Dear Brother Linley

After a quarter's experience I find that it is impossible for one incumbered with a school as I am to discharge conscientiously the manifold duties of a station. Church business has increased to that degree that for nearly two weeks I have been engaged almost every night, sometimes till nearly 12 o'clock, before I could go to bed. The school keeps me employed all day - and I verily believe that a preacher might be busily engaged all the week if he were to attend to the duties of a station minister as laid down in the discipline. The brethren have requested you to appoint some preacher and I expect you will receive their letter by this mail.

Brother Swampstead was at our quarterly meeting - we had but a dull time. I will try to attend to your orders in regard to the mission. It would be a good thing, in my opinion, if you all could draw up a circumstantial account of your late revival and publish it in our papers. I don't think much cash can be raised in Ohio, but I am confident that if a preacher could be employed to go ^{through} the Mississippi and certain parts of Louisiana this spring, that a thousand dollars could be easily raised - this is not mere conjecture it is founded on observations made by myself during a residence of 5 years

Among that people. I would write more but my business
calls me
Yours with much affection

My love to the
Mission

Alfred M. Lowcain

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