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George Swan June 15 1823

My much valued friend

Tho I sensibly feel my unworthiness, and incapacity to write as I could wish, and fear my communication will not merit a perusal, yet your well known candour gives me encouragement. I thank you for the few lines which were handed me a few days before I left Ridgerville; and let me assure you that nothing would be more agreeable to my feelings, than again to visit the delightful banks of the sandusky; not to take charge of the school myself (for I feel myself quite unfit for such an important task) but to be employed as an assistant would be what my very soul would take delight in; yet my situation is such at this time that I cannot even go on a visit which would be very gratifying to me. May the exertions of all those who are engaged in missionary societies prove successful in bringing souls to a knowledge of themselves through a redeemer. How delightfull it must be to see those who were but a short time ago immersed in darkness and heathenish superstition, arising from the gloom which surrounded them; and lisping the praises of their glorious god and saviour. You have the privilege brother Fendley of moving in a very important and extensive sphere of usefulness; Tho it is connected with many hardships privations and difficulties; yet every privation and every thorn that tends to lacerate the flesh and wound the heart; will but add new and increasing brightness to that crown of glory that fadeth not away. I am much pleased with this place the society I think is very good; we have an excellent preacher by the name of Meach he appears to be very much engaged indeed. I have it now in my power to

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enjoy many religious privileges; and Assist me by your
prayers to improve them as I should. There is nothing
new in Georgetown that I know of, the next presidential
election seems to be the subject of general conversation.
The weather here is extremely dry and warm, there has
been no rain for several weeks and vegetation seems
almost stopt. How are you coming on at Sandusky
have you a prospect of fine crops this year; have you
your house completed; and does Jane still continue well
and doing well, How do the children progress in learning
the various kinds of work they have been put to, and
do they continue to improve as fast in reading and spelling
as they did; tel Maria and Eliza as ^{soon as} they can read writing
I will write to each of them provided they will write
to me, give my love to sister Lindley tel her
there is not a day passes but I think of her and
wish to be with her; I have become acquainted with
several young ladies who are well calculated to instruct,
not to bear the privations of a missionary life
have you succeeded in getting a proper female
teacher; I think Eliza Pelham if she were healthy
would suit you very well the when I saw her
last she had given up the idea of going at all.

sister and Mr. McLean send their love to you.
and sister bids me intreat you to make Georgetown
in your route when you go to Conference and bring sister
Lindley with you, she says she will go with her to
Baltimore and stay with her til conference closes, I should
be pleased to hear from you, any thing concerning your family
would be peculiarly interesting to me; my letters I know
will not be interesting but I shall consider myself as
writing to a friend who I hope will if he sees any thing
wrong point it out to me; remember me to my
friends Between the boys Manonue &c tel Jane

if she stays ~~there~~ at Sandusky another year perhaps
I will pay her a visit; as I expect ere this time
she has become so attached to some particular
object that she feels no disposition to leave the
place that contains it, give my love to her
and all my friends. Write soon and do not
forget to pray for your unworthy

Rev'd

James B. Pindley

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