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## Letter from William McKendree to James B. Finley

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Lodebar, S. Carolina  
January 24, 1821.

Dear Brother.

I have not had the pleasure of receiving any intelligence from the Conference relative to the progress of our Missionary business; some information, however, from the Brook agents has afforded me consolation. I can but rejoice to hear that the great and good work is going on and hope that you may be encouraged to continue your labours. The school particularly deserves our most serious attention and utmost exertions. May you realize your best wishes for its prosperity and may the Lord smile propitiously on its benefactors.

In a letter from Mr. Bangs, I am informed that Mr. Alois, a young convert to Christianity has been proposed to you as an assistant teacher among the Wyandott Indians. In the same letter he is proposed to Bishop George and myself - to be employed by us in that capacity and supported out of the Missionary funds. On this subject I am at a loss to decide, as the constitution of the Missionary Society does not seem to authorize an appropriation of its funds in that way.

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Amherst, Mass.  
Jan. 29, 1821.  
Rev. James B. Finley.  
Lebanon, Post office

Ohio.



I suggest the propriety of procuring, in the first instance, an effective Teacher, who will not only teach the art of reading &c, but the rudiments of agriculture and husbandry.

Let Mr. Steward know that his brethren in the South encourage and pray for him. In passing along the Sea Shore from Wilmington to Charleston, I communicated something relative to his labours, and had the pleasure to receive at Conference one hundred dollars, — which sum was collected in Wilmington, Georgetown, and Charleston, chiefly among the Blacks, and sent on to me to aid Mr. Steward in his good work.

Our brethren here seem to regard the poor Indians as objects worthy of their most serious attention. We have appointed a missionary to travel through the bounds of the S. Carolina Conference — to form cent societies &c. for the purpose of aiding in establishing schools among them. Mr. McCaskey goes on the work and is to visit the Choctaws and others. The prospect appears pleasing and we hope to see our efforts attended with the divine blessing and the most happy consequences.

My health is improved, but I have little strength to labour and sustain fatigue. I shall be glad to see you at your next conference — but of this I know nothing — the will of the LORD be done.

We have had an agreeable

Conference — an increase of preachers and sixteen hundred and twenty members, exclusive of emigrants to the Western Country.

With affectionate regards, Yours in the bonds of the blessed Gospel.

W. M. Kendrick

P.S. I am still pressing after that holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord! Oh that you & yours may enjoy it constantly.

I greatly desire to see you & talk over your bosom's journey to Baltimore.

W. M. B.