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P. J. I have intimated that but little good is doing
on the circuit. I have taken in about 30. the return
of those in Society on the circuit last year was ~~the~~ large
too large. We have some good times. refreshing seasons.
season from the throne above, but again a week have
nap away. Coldness has taken place. the people say
they hope the next old Frontier conference will send will
not have a young wife, that he will not be light &
dressing in their families. When I heard you
were in on a visit, I expected to have had an inter-
view, but met with a disappointment, which makes
most of daily portions. I thought if I had a standing
with the Society & great, & with ^{them} move in the highest
circle of life, I might probably have had the satisfaction
but I move in a lone circle, but am sensible I am
more to glory. When I shall ^{be} left company heaven can
afford.

As soon as this comes to hand, I want you to con-
sult your Indian friends, & write me whether they will
come to the camp meeting. & about how many. for in
the name of the circuit I give ~~that~~ them an invitation
& I will engage on notice to provide sufficient for their
comfortable accommodation. The meeting will be at the
little Lake where it was last fall. 10 miles from Troy
Plenty of good pasture. I will have tents prepared.
& comfortable provision for themselves. It will be of
general utility with respect to offering donations for the
support of the mission. and especially as if I get notice in
time I will publish it in the papers. It would be a help
to invite yourself. for I trust you will attend with the sons of
the forest in full bloom.

Robert is at this time at Joseph. he is persuaded he
will get well. and has the folly of talking about getting
a wife. Francis began a school last Monday with
eight of Brother Michaels 20 scholars. we live together
when I am about home. and has our cooking & washing
done at Brother Michaels. I find provision & we are
comfortable with the family. Joseph has been poorly & I
& him I expect is to King medicine to gether. I have
had no tale account from Williams. no allusion to
left account. Since your mother left me none of the
children have entered my door, but Samuel one
night when he was on other business. & Joseph one night
when he came to get a beast to show. that I may say I
am alone. forsaken. but not forsaken of God. sometimes
I get a walk in heaven. Sometimes live in God. & God in
me. & then I am not alone. My conclusion is about this
that I will ~~not~~ keep what little I have while I live. & live
at my own fire. among all my losses I have not
lost my independent spirit. It has been my comfort
in the midst of sorrow. that God has been with me, had it
not been for this. the waves would have overwhelmed me. &
like land I would have sunk in the deep waters, but Jesus
has administered the healing balm. & sent a ~~high~~ Dying
angel in the agonies of sorrow & distress to strengthen me
& here I am. & moving on to a better world. May God give
us all grace to take him for our God now. that we may be
his our portion forever. So b. it. fare well

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