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Tell Mr Elliott I will send his manuscript down with the
other papers that I have got pretty well through and think it
is worth merit to the Melian's world and shall give my
best and full credit to its publication. I am

Ridgeville &
21st April

Mebers

Wright & Swarnsted

Business note

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Mebers Wright & Swarnsted 4/20/1858

Dear Brotheren Let Mr Wright should
start to the East before I shall see you I
take this method of Informing you that
I have spent between two & three weeks
at writing and revising the Manuscript
of the Wyandott Mission I have added all the
original matter I have that is worth publishing
and Mr Brook is writing some account of the
year he was there and I have received one
communication from Mr Gilluth and
expect another. I have written to the Brethren
and to Mr Allen the present incumbent to
furnish ^{account of} the present state all of what I
expect to forward to you now in a few
weeks the printed matter to be introduced
is referred to as in Mr Elliott's Manuscript
and will be more easily printed from then
than from any Manuscript I could furnish
and I have talked with B Soule and
Mr Elliott and the both agree with me that
my part of the work was to furnish the
matter and then you were to have it
prepared for the press If you think the account
of the commencement is not full enough you
Compiler can easily insert from what I
furnished Mr Bangs for the History of

or from Joseph Stutchell's little book Stewards
Letter to the Indians and then to him or
for a fuller account of the commencement of the
School Br Charles Elliott has given the best that
can be given and his Biography of ~~Between~~ the
Lays is substantially the same as given by Br
Hillcutt and I fear to write it down I would
have to repeat the same things so that
I have done all I can for you know that
I allways disclaimed being able to make a
book and it must go through hands better
qualified than mine before it will do to
see the publick I will give it all up to you
and then it is yours you can do as you please
with it I do not believe the book committee
has any thing to do with the arrangement of
the matter that I think is the business of the
publishers the matter has been reported on by
the committee and all I have to say is this
If you think it will add to the sale of the book
and make it more interest to the concern I will
pay for the engraving of my likeness on that
plate out of what I am to receive but if you
think other wise I am perfectly satisfied you
asked me if I would be willing that Br Elliott's
name should be put on the title page if he is
the Editor of the work I have none that his
name should appear as such and I believe he
can do it better than any other man living

if he will but when I shall have returned
to you I shall feel myself entirely clear
of it and will leave you to do with it
as you please
I want my paper changed from Ridgeville
Newson County Ohio to Germantown
Montgomery county as I expect to move there
in a few weeks.

Please add Harvey Crampton's name
to your list of stockholders for the German
advocate and ^{good} Joseph McGowels
name of Germantown Circuit for the
same.

God has been gloriously with us at the
Med Lion (the worst of all places) we have
found & most converted to God But
Br Med will tell you all about it
I am forever yours. J. B. Finley
Wright R. Armstrong

I am prepared to sign at any time my
name to the copy right of the
history of the Logansport Mission

April 20 1838

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