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Letter to Reverend Boyd

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Stuebenville Ohio. Aug 26

1820

To The Rev. G. Boyd,

The Trunk, or Box of Books

after above a year's passage arrived at my dwelling in Worthington. In the mean time I had received several letters from you the last of which I believe I have not answered; not for want of esteem and love but for some other cause connected with my manifold cares. Pardon me I pray you - The Box containing the Books arrived without injury. The deficiency of a Scarff perhaps was owing to a deficiency of Cash left in your hands. How was this Mr Boyd? Pray send me a remin. and I will make all things right.

Neither myself nor any one of our diocess has re^d the journals of the Gen^l. Court or any other papers relating thereto. What can be the reason of this

Are we considered as unworthy of no-
-tice? The Journals of our Convention
in June we have transmitted to you
and others in your city. Will you
have the goodness to send me the
Journals of the Gen. Convention also
the sermon at the opening of
the same by Bp. Moore ^{& Pastoral letter}? I wish also
to take your Magazine. Why has not
a subscription paper been sent me?
I admire your zeal in organizing a gen-
eral Missionary Society. That it were
not so late! But late as it is we hope
for some good. There are places even in
~~this~~ state where for the want of mission-
aries Christianity is nearly extinct. I now
allude to parts of your country settled
by the emigrants from Vir-Mary & Penna-
The most of them were descendants from
Chh families - and very many of them can
not read and nearly all are grossly ignorant
of the first principles of our Holy faith.

What a spectacle this for the eyes of a Christian minister! - Yet this I have beheld in Monroe County on this my present tour, but a few days ago. We have done what we could. We have reproved & exhorted with all long suffering and re. from the people. & solemn assurances that Sunday schools will be instituted wherein those that can read will teach those that can not.

The zealous Mr. J. S. Carter who got some books from ^{Baltimore} ~~your~~ society has sent to these people 24. They will under God do much good. O that they had but one mission-ary to reside for a year among them to teach them the right use of our Citings - My dear Friend Mr. Boyd! mark what I say - be but the instrument of sending one pious missionary to act under my direction in this state & I verily believe more good could be done there in any other quarter of the world.

The success of my labours however feeble is very great. I have now been absent from Worthington parish tomorrow will be seven Sundays & together with the Rev Mr. Morse doing almost perpetual duty. Often holding service three times

a day on Sundays and on week days scarcely
one paper except when on horse back but the
service is performed or some ordinance ad-
ministered. Confirmations are nearly as numerous
as last year. Communicants greatly increased.
In short the tide of the public mind as to piety
and the excellency of our Primitive Church is
setting greatly in our favor.

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The Rev. Geo. Bay
Philadelphia

Friend Chase
Aug 28th 1820
Andover

I am on Monday next to pursue my Tour thro
the Connecticut Reserve, & then I shall have by
God's goodness arrived at my home The miles
travelled will be about 1200. - If you knew what
we are doing and our wants you would
help us. With best respects to Mr. B. I am &c. / P. Chase

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