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## Letter to the Editor of the Banner of the Cross

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To the Editor of the Banner of the Cross

Justice & D. L. H.

My dear Sir;

Through the medium of your excellent and wide spreading paper (which for one I desire to recommend as holding the middle course of truth and righteousness) may I not say a word or two in behalf of the worthy Missionaries of Illinois! - All their little salaries having been pledged to pay their current expenses <sup>those due this year not yet paid</sup> they are in great distress. Not like the men of the world who can, without a twinge of conscience, wipe off their debts <sup>at a stroke</sup> by becoming bankrupts, they know and feel that the persons to whom they have become indebted must be paid: and if the Parish nor the Missions Society will <sup>neither</sup> enable them to be honest men, what can they do?

Not only their Creditors are complaining but their own families are suffering. Long ago have they been obliged to do the duties of their household in becoming man, boy, milkmaid & woodcutter: this they bore without a murmur for they had yet something for the Missionaries



The Missionary Society to buy bread and meat &  
a little poor clothing for their families. - Even this  
last resource has now failed them - <sup>the</sup> ~~condemned~~ <sup>dict</sup> has  
gone forth that <sup>there</sup> is nothing more, after paying  
the Salaries of Clerks and Agents, in the Treasury  
to save them from starving.

Now what is to be done? - After the very  
bad character which the "Little Book" I  
mean the Spirit of Missions, has left in  
the publication <sup>in</sup> (by their last Number) of the  
Bishop of Illinois it is to be feared there  
is little hope but to assure the Church in  
general that I am not such a heavy,  
bearing down incumbent as to wish to squelch  
my Clergy to death; but on the contrary  
that I feel for the woes of every one of them  
and would do any thing in my power to  
help them: I would go a begging for them  
and implore all who have any bowels of  
compassion to send <sup>to the Missionary Society</sup> ~~me~~ something im-  
mediately lest they starve to death: ~~and~~  
Wish that but my health is poor and I  
have no salary to bear my expenses nei-  
ther at home nor when travelling especially  
the winter. I am obliged to keep my  
room & sometimes my bed by reason of  
a bad cold and cough <sup>at night</sup> ~~and~~ so that I have no other way



left but that which I am now taking such is to  
entreat every one who reads these lines to send in me  
directly a small sum of money ~~in the name of~~  
with this superscription for - what? Not for "Sp.  
Chas's Mission" - ~~with that name~~ but for  
the poor Missionaries in  
Illinois! Or. To pay the regular sti-  
pends of the Missionaries in Illinois!  
It is a small sum ~~and~~ most. Had I the  
ability they should not ask for it twice if  
I know not a more worthy & faithful set of  
labourers in Christ's Vineyard: and as to  
their opinions and shunbman that I  
believe not one of them wishes to go either  
to Rome or Geneva. Jerusalem the place  
and city of the First-born: The primitive  
Church is there: the place of their destination  
there the Son of David reigns; not the Pope  
nor Korah, nor his Company.

To conclude I have been travelling all the past  
summer & fall trying to do my duty: and this I have  
had no one to keep a note book and send off the  
contents for <sup>weekly</sup> publication yet I intend our beloved  
Church shall <sup>in</sup> some <sup>way</sup> "remember" her from me  
while I can hold a pen or draw my breath  
I am now <sup>by a good cool fire during</sup> writing my "Reminiscences" of  
that busy period of my life when founding  
near the walls of Kenyon College <sup>our more</sup>  
numbers perhaps will appear in the next <sup>Agnes coming</sup> Phil<sup>l</sup> Chas



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To Dr. Johnson

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