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Dr. Tho. S. Williamson

Dear Brother — It is a long

time since I wrote to you. I hardly know why I have delayed so long unless it was because I expected to receive a letter from you before I should write.

I did not see Andrew & have not seen John except as he called here a few minutes as he passed down. I have not been to the Ht. since the Ind's arrived.

We hoped John would have been here before now, but learn from the Ind's that he is very busy trying to render them service in various ways. I am glad he has a heart to do it. The number who sympathize with them is very small. It seems as if I might find leisure to go to the Fort but I have not yet. I don't know when I shall. I want to see the poor captives but it is not probable that I could do them any good & the pain of seeing

them in their present condition, would probably
overbalance the pleasure.

We have our children all at home this winter
George is trying to proceed with his studies
some alone. He teaches the other children about
two hours per day, & is employed most of
the time during sunlight except that at
his books. We intend to try to send him
to Marietta in February. We keep Charley
yet though we have no special use for him.

We had some hope that Mr. Cunningham would
take him, but we have heard nothing in a long
time, & are beginning to suspect that he has re-
linquished his purpose. Charley does well & is learning
to speak Eng. & forgetting Sioux. We are all quite well
at present. We want to hear from you. Frances
Dady rec'd a letter from Nancy Jane. In the midst
of all the confusion & evil works which fill the
world it is sweet to know that the God & Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ reigns
Yours &c C. H. Pond



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