

Bible Ind Agency ^{Sept 17/1871}

Dear Sir

There is a vacancy
now among the employees upon the
Preservation - I believe you spoke
for me once upon that subject -

It appears that the ruling powers
in the Church are not satisfied with
the persons I have employed for reasons
as they alledge that they are not professed
Christians. And under the circumstances
in which these agencies have been turned
over to the different religious denominations
as an experiment I am forced to the
conviction that the objection is well
founded. Tho' the characters of those
engaged are not of that desperately
wicked element that business bodies
have sought to make them, still
they are not professed Christians
and as that is designed to be made the

soiling element in this effort of reform among the Indians. We can only hope for success by having Christian people as teachers and collaborators in the work. It is not necessary now to go into detail of excuses for not securing that class of persons as employees at first. I suppose it too say, the temporal wants of these people had to be looked to as well as their spiritual. Besides I wanted persons that I knew to be friends. I had expected to make changes as circumstances required I believe my motives have been misconstrued - and there are always envious persons ready to stretch and put their own construction upon every act.

We want good honest pious Christians persons whose every word and act breathes Christian love towards these people and towards God. Every thing thus far has been discouraging tho' we have made some progress - it is a laborious and difficult task and I sometimes feel inclined to

abandon the whole field and unless I can have help
such as I have confidence in, and such as I can feel
spring from the goodness of heart rather than from hypocrisy
cant and selfish aggrandizement I shall be compelled to
abandon the work. There is something to be accomplished
~~by~~ beyond considered beyond mere pecuniary consideration
if not, I would not remain here twenty four hours
and that result depends greatly upon the character of employees
associated with me. Can you unite with us in this work
by taking the position of farmer at a salary of one
thousand dollars per annum. ~~a home will be found~~
There is a very good house to reside in, a garden
barn outbuildings, two milk cows, an orchard
and a few acres of ground to cultivate for your own
use. Payments at present will be in legal tenders at par
The members of the church desire that a majority of employees
shall be members of the M & E church. but it is not imperative
that all be such but all must be christian communicants
or at least they must live a pious and christian life
no profanity. no drunkenness in other words a god fearing
and god loving person. I believe you to be such. can you
come and help us in this great work. I may probably
yet abandon the field. let me know as soon as possible
for that may determine the question.



Also letter now design
for Met Filmore
Just now not sent

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