

Regon City July 24th 1855-

Hon Joel Palmer -

Supt. Ind-aff. O. T.

Dear Sir - Previous

to your visit to the Interior, you suggested to me the possibility of renewing the Protestant Mission, at least among the Nez Perces. Since that time the subject has been more or less on my mind, with a view to give the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, all the facts in my power, and induce them if possible to send a new band of Missionaries for that Tribe.

Your visit among them and especially the provisions of the Treaty, which you have succeeded in making, will enable you to give me the desired information.

If it will not be too much trouble, will you please to answer the following inquiries as bearing upon the subject?

1. Will the renewal of the Protestant Mission among the Nez Perces accord with the duties and receive the approval of the Indian Agency?
2. Do the Agency discover any evidence among that Tribe, of having been improved by the former Mission among them?
 - 1.st In their intelligence?
 - 2.^o In their esteem for ~~our~~ people & Govt.
 - 3.^o In their education
 - 4 In civilized habits & means of living?
 - 5 In religious customs?
3. What portion of them seem to be able to read & write?
4. What portion seem to be Christians?
5. What arts have they learned from the Mission?
6. What seems to be their wish respecting the renewal of the Mission?
7. In what respects does the Treaty favor the renewal of the Mission?
8. Do they keep up Christian worship in the family and on Sabbath?
9. What books have they and do they desire more?

10. Will it be very expensive to re-
new and keep up a Mission, as to
getting Supplies?

11. Will the discovery of the Mines in
Middle Oregon be an objection
to the renewal of this Mission?

Your judgement on these
topics, aside from your official
relations to the Indians will be
joined by the friends of Missions
here in the East.

Another topic ^{of which} I beg leave
to remind you, is in reference
to the Charges made by Mr. Spalding
against Mr. Dart, that Dr. Dart had
practically excluded American
Missionaries from Middle Oregon,
a something to that effect.

You informed me that you
had found something to that ef-
fect in the Archives of your Office
among the Dart papers.

You said also that you
would furnish me a copy of that
item. I suppose it had escaped

Your memory, and I beg you
to furnish me a copy now.

When in the States in 1832 I
was repeatedly asked for the
grounds of that charge, and I
have ever been trying to get the
facts.

By an early reply you
will greatly oblige yours

Respectfully

G. H. Atkinson

Letter from 1833
Rev G H Atkinson
repecting the
republication of
The Rights among
the My Sons and
Dec 21 1836 280