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Dear Bro: Wilson,

According to my slow progress in the duty of corresponding with our brethren, I fear it will ~~it~~ ~~will~~ be about 2 years before I get round even with our reinforcement. Necessity, not choice, (except indeed as necessity dictates the choice) directs my labors. I have not learned to do things with despatch. A thing to which, as well as to doing them well ought to enter into every child's & youth's education. How else in this little span of a lifetime shall we get any thing done.

But I ought to tell you about our station. It is cool rather rainy & no dust. Much like your own perhaps in these respects. A pleasant place. We have no school house finished or in progress, or in prospect. A new Church is about being finished, and we purpose using that for all the instruction we ^{shall} impart. We are yet in Bro: G's family: our own dwelling being just begun.

We have very little of the language yet, & consequently can't do much in school. We trust you are getting on better. But above all, let us not suffer any consideration to keep us from seeking the constant communications of God's grace. To be ready to die,

as it is our first, so must it be our constant business.
The correct prosecution of any duty will not interfere with
that state of preparation, but the incorrect may, and
to the ways in which we are inclined to turn out of the
straight & narrow way, there is no end. To keep our
hearts with all diligence is the surest way to be ready
for every work, every trial, every event of the providence
of the Lord. Have you precious seasons now at a
throne of grace? are you growing strong in faith in
the Son of God? Strong graces, & not the bare existence
of them, are indispensable, for hard & difficult service.
Let us strive after higher attainments in grace &
the Lord will adjust our labors to our state of prepa-
ration. Pray for us. Our united love to
Sister W & to all the brethren & sisters.

Mrs. Lafon not well. Farewell, dear br. W.

Thos. Lafon

