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Elizabeth Mountfort Nov 29th 1848

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Description: Letter from Hiram Wilson to Elizabeth Mountfort about her donation of money and clothing to his mission in Canada.

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Well done than good and faithful servant
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

The money you sent was more than sufficient to meet the expenses of transportation of the Box of goods I know not that I have any thing to communicate that would particularly interest your Society We have about 40 scholars at present in our schools in Dawn & the number is daily increasing Our Sabbath school numbers about 60 who manifest a commendable zeal in the study of their Sabbath day lessons.

I had the pleasure of clothing from head to foot a fugitive, but 2 or 3 days since, who was lately from the house of Bondage He was one of six or 8 who were at Oberlin in August when I was on my way home from the East
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