

Perry Park, July 1-1856

C. H. Walker,

Warm Springs Ar.

Dear Friend;

Yours of June 25th came this morning. I was somewhat surprised to learn that you were back at the agency & also surprised to learn that you had gotten the Suckers indebtedness reduced to \$1600. I wish you success in your further efforts. The bondsmen ought to be pretty well satisfied with your work. You do not know how much pleased we were when we learned that the new agent was a Christian. I succeeded in learning, as I passed through Pocatello, that he was a good man, & a Methodist. I was glad when I learned how he greeted Mr. Speer as "Brother Speer." It would almost seem out of place for me to be there with a Christian agent - one who would take an interest in the mission & encourage the Indians to live a Christian life. It will

certainly be a great help to the missionaries. I wish you
would express to him my pleasure, in knowing that they
have a Christian agent, & my hope that he may be abun-
dantly successful in every way, especially in ex-
erting a Christian influence, so much needed by them.
Has he a wife or family that he expects to follow him
to the Agency? — I found Barber a good
neighbor, & got along without having any trouble with
him; but he caused me a good deal of nervousness,
lest there might be a sudden explosion. There
could not well be a better neighbor than Mrs Barber, &
she is to be commiserated in having such a choleric,
husband. No doubt the present influence will be
much better on her Godwin. — I was
sorry to learn that Mrs Wheeler was so low. I suppose
there is no hope of her recovery. — I will be in
Topeka on tomorrow & will see if I can get such
pictures as you suggest. If so will send them
to you. After leaving the mission I spent two
Sabbaths in Colfax. Since then I have been here. I
have done but little preaching, but have arrange-
ments made for the next three months, & it may
be longer. I preach two Sabbaths in Kansas & then go
to Southern Ill. for the rest of the quarter — about 60
miles from St Louis & not far from where Mrs Pills is.
I know nothing about the place — may only stay 6 Oct.

or may remain longer. He will leave Wade here - the rest of the family will go with me.

We are having abundance of rain - had a heavy rain this morning. Corn looks fine, & I believe other crops were good although I have not been around much to see how they are. Plenty of fruit & vegetables.

_____ Mrs. Allen is preparing a "Catechism on Indians," & especially on our Warm Spring's Mission, by request of the Situatee Com. of our W. G. M. Soc. It is however to be very brief - short, shorter, shortest, perhaps.

She wrote you a few days ago to see if you could tell when the mission was taken charge of by our church. Who organized the congregation & when & other similar questions I believe. If you can give these points or others that might find a place in the catechism they will be thankfully received.

_____ I hope the new school buildings will go up without delay. Are they going to take the mission field as Fisher suggested, or has that been given up? I hope it will not be taken, & scarcely expect it. There is room to build without it. How are things looking about the yard now?

Have there been any deaths about the agency since we left? Please remember me to Beacham, Tuller, & the Palmer, Kishawalk & others. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am as ever, your friend & brother Joseph Allen.

You can send mail to Perry if away it will be forwarded.