

to prepare themselves for more extensive usefulness among their brethren & kindred according to the flesh.

Most of this number were young people or heads of families, and since in five families, family worship has been established. Notwithstanding the numerous defections; in view of Gods dealings with this church we are led devoutly to exclaim "behold what hath God wrought!" "The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly." The church now numbers sixty two members in regular standing. Four are under censure and two of them will doubtless be excommunicated, having been for the most part the cause and leaders in all the difficulties and disturbance which the nation has had of late. These difficulties however have not originated altogether in opposition to the new constitution & laws, but also in the murder a year ago last Summer, and in dissatisfaction to a Treaty which the head men made with a U. S. Commissioner for a sale of part of their lands.<sup>1</sup> These two men at the head of a very small party amongst the Stockbridges are still persevering in their opposition &c. and where or when the troubles of the nation with them will end I know not.

They have again been strongly solicited to sell and remove West of the Mississippi and South of the Missouri river. A delegation was accordingly sent the latter part of the Summer accompanied by a U. S. Commr. but after exploring the country faithfully they could find no place [with] which they were pleased. Unhealthiness of the climate scarcity of wood, it being mostly prairie, and badness of

<sup>1</sup> This culminated in the treaty of September 3, 1839, between the United States government and the Stockbridge and Munsee tribes, by which the Indians ceded to the United States "the east half of the tract of forty-six thousand and eighty acres of land, which was laid off for their use, on the East side of Lake Winnebago, in pursuance of the treaty" of October 27, 1832. For this land the United States agreed to pay one dollar per acre, which amounted to \$8,767.75; besides this, \$3,879.30 was paid for improvements already made thereon. It was further stipulated that in the event of the Indians desiring to move farther westward, the government should pay the expenses of an exploring party of three of their number, also the cost of removal of the tribes.—Ed.