

Mission Room
New York City, 7th 1846

Thos^r John L. Gifford
N. Y. Raymond
And: Dickinson } Committee to

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication, as a Committee of the Vestry of the parish of Christ Church, Withambsburg in which I am invited to take the provisional charge of the parish recently organised in your village.

I feel much gratified by this mark of your confidence and beg to assure you of the sincere interest with which I regard your enterprise. Desirous of doing all in my power to promote so laudable an undertaking, I will very cheerfully lend such further aid as my other duties will permit. During the present month my engagements on Missionary business are such as to prevent my officiating for you on Sundays until after its close: altho. you can call on me during the week for any pastoral duty that may be required. After the 1st March I hope to be able to give more attention personally to your affairs.

It is of course understood by me that this provisional ^{charge} is not to prevent the Vestry of Christ Church from electing a rector whenever

Such a step may be deemed expedient: and at
the same time, should other duties forbid my
bestowing the attention ^{upon} to the parish which
it demands, I shall consider myself at
liberty to relinquish the charge.

I am

Copy of Reply to Vestry of
Christ ch. Williamsburg
L.I.

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