

Fort Snelling. July. 30. 1849.

Rev and dear Sir;

I have just received the bundle you sent me by M^r Cook, and take the opportunity to send you a few things in return. The package I dispatched a few weeks since, I presume you will soon receive. It contained every thing I could collect in the shape of papers, and some things, perhaps, that may somewhat interest you. The Ch. Miss: Publications I always read with the greatest pleasure, and, therefore, am under many obligations to you for them. The noble example of the Church of England, I think(?), is not lon(?) upon her daughter in this Country. I regret to learn that the climate has so much affected your health, that you think of leaving your nation. But I trust your place can be supplied. Your Bishop, I see, has been consecrated, and presume will be with you before winter. I hope he may come this way, as I should be happy to see him. He is represented as a most admirable man. The colera is making great ravages in many parts of the U. States, as well as in the (?), and Europe. We have yet been spared in this remote spot. The President has recommended next Friday as a day of fostering humiliation and prayer, on account of the alarming progress it is making. With sincere prayers for your health and usefulness, I remain my dear Sir

most truly and affectionately your

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Rev. J. Smithurst