

From E.S. Dulin to Jonathan B. Fuller

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St[.] Joseph Mo.

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Rev[.] J.B. Fuller

Very dear Brother,

I have only time to say your kind letter has been recd.; & to answer one or two of your questions. Dr[.] Thompson preached three sermons & his voice "dried up," leaving me to preach to his Congregation Sab[bath] night!!! He continued quite sick until Tuesday night & left on Wednesday for home. Since the Sab. night above named I have been alone. Up to this date 160 have been recd.-- Bro & Sister Bernard, Mrs[.] Battie, & Mr[.] Cole are of the number. Mrs[.] Benham & Miss Bush were baptized with divers[e] others last Saturday. The interest still keeps up. Sab. night 5 recd., Mond. night 4. Tues. night 3 & last night 2. I expect three to join tonight.

I shall close on Sab[.] next. I am "a used up Community". The church is worn down & we must close for the want of laborers to garner the harvest. O that you had remained. Fackler is holding on but there is no interest. Your friend Wright is absent at Conference & I am happy to inform you that he has been re-appointed

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to this place. So your "Pabulum" will be sure in these diggings. Were not the people worn down I would urge you to return, but 12 weeks last night our meeting has been going on, & while "the spirit is willing the flesh is weak" -- "we must rest" seems to be the general feeling. Our young men & all others that can are leaving to get rid of being "Conscripted". So we go!

Your friends here are Legion & all wish to be remembered to you in much love--Even the "Pet Lambs"!!! Wife[,] Babies & Bishop ditto.

I have been out all morning, just bolted dinner, then hitched up two bipeds as man & wife i.e. married them--now must stop & run round until my feet refuse to walk, & will preach tonight while resting! Would that I had more time to write you, but you know my surroundings & will pardon my brevity. Love to your Parents & Sister. May God bless you my dear Brother--may you soon Reap in your own field as you did in mine. Write very soon. Now "Benedicte," Hail & Farewell.

Fraternally Yours,

E.S. Dulin