

Stephen Sikes Letter

Starkville Dec 19th/86

Rev Geo C Clark Oxford

Dr Bro: yours 16th is at hand and in reply will Say that the appointment for this circuit does not please us at all [underlined] I have conversed with the male members of our church and all Say we wish you to remove Him and Supply the want with a man that will Suit it. As for a House there is not one in the circuit to be had and as for encouraging, we have done so until we are tired and our purses lightened of their contents, we need Encouragement [underlined]. If you will Supply the want with an intelligent Single man and let Him preach 2 Sabbaths in each month at this place and every Sunday nights also, this appointment alone will pay him. We had thought that was the arrangement and had got the appointments in the county to take the Bal of the time. As to the missionary field I do not know where it is in the bounds of this circuit. Write to me Soon on the Subject. all I have written is for the good of the circuit.

Yours truly

Stephen S Sikes

in Haste