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Steam Ship Oceanic.
China Sea

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Dear Bro. Balder.

How can I thank
you & your good wife sufficiently
for your good & kind & comfort-
ing letters? I did not open the
card for until we had reached
the middle of our journey - but
then it was a post & has been
after since. And yesterday was
the opening of your several touching
writings. My heart is with you
all & I am trying to pray for the
presence of the Holy Spirit instead
of those writings. I shall expect
to hear good news from this
new departure in the line of

the missionary works. I know
these meetings must do good -
I do not intend to reply now
to your & Mrs. Baldwin's letters
Our voyage has been a rather
rough one. & I have scarcely felt
like writing at any one time - But
I thought today that I could just
express myself as in the fullest
sympathy with you in all your
plans for these meetings & in
your abounding labors to make
them a success. May they be
but the starting of a work that
will sweep over the land and
for its injury but for its redemp-
tion. Yes, may the Lord Jesus give
you & your co-adjutors, men of
like mind & purpose - the whole
U. States & though that great
Lord - the whole world give
them to you for Christ -

I shall hope to answer your
letters on my way up the river -
I can then, also, report some
incidents of the Mission work
in Sioux.

We have had a successful though
somewhat rough voyage - We
hope to reach Henry King's
mission woods - after a sail of
some 24 days - 5 days quicker
than I made it in 1848.

We had on board - Rev. & Mrs.
Tayng & their four children of
the Episcopal Mission in Japan.
Rev. & Mrs. Chaljub - Mrs. Ande-
son & Mrs. Preston of the Pres-
byterian Board for China
Rev. & Mrs. Hayes - Rev. & Mrs.
Howarth, Mrs. Howarth Miss.
Cutbert, Mrs. Light M. G. of
the same Board for Japan -
Rev. C. A. Berger - Mrs. Edwin.

Mrs. Cow Enoch & myself of
the same Board for David
We should all look for a share
of the blessings that come from
the Lord of Sabbath in answer
to the prayers of God's people.
That are now going up all over
the State of New Jersey & I trust
in many other parts of the land.
We open the doors of our hearts -
we stretch out our hands for
these blessings - Gladly do we
take them in. And then our
own prayers - go up to the God
of all mercy that He would
bless all who have thus prayed
for the world & for us.

Mutual prayers - bring mutual
blessings - & so communion to all
for God is ever all & blessed
forever. You are now about
beginning the meetings of your

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 Monday. So I send you joy
 as I hear the words - It is good
 to write under such an in-
 spiration as this. God is here
 I know it. I feel it. God is
 there with you. I know it. I
 feel it. He is every where. But
 in a special manner is He
 with those who call upon Him
 & trust Him -

I stood out on deck a little
 while this evening & watched the
 phosphorescent waters. The waves
 formed by the on-ward rush
 of the vessel & only formed
 by the gentle breeze - were so
 dim! with a rose splendour
 I have just gone up from this
 letter to have another look. The
 brilliant beauty is the same
 For in the wake of the steamer
 the waters are a seething glow

of liquid light. This is not
a reflection of the sunny sky -
The light lies latent in the
dark waters. They need only
be ruffled a little on their
surfaces to awaken a million
sparkles of living light. Surely
God is here in the wonders
of the mighty deep - and as
surely is He in the hearts of
his worshipping saints - filling
them with the wonderful light
of his wonderful love - "God is
light & in Him is no darkness at
all." "God is love. & he that dwell-
eth in love dwelleth in God &
God in him." So I am think-
ing how the light of his love is
shining into the hearts of all
who to-day are met in the State
of New Jersey in love & obedience

toward Our Risen Lord's Last
 Command. It only needs the
 Holy Spirit to breathe his truth
 upon them to awaken a light
 in their souls that shall drive
 out the darkness of this world.
 The Lord Jesus greet you a
 good day - each day of this
 series. And when you turn
 you again to your tents - may
 it be to praise Him for the won-
 derful things He has revealed
 to you - yea & prophesy of
 the great & good things He is
 about to do for His Church -
 I shall be with you these com-
 ing days. Though active duties
 may fill my hands -
 I be to yourself & to each
 member of your family -
 I shall close now. But if
 any thing special comes to my

notice on landing at King Bay
to-morrow I shall write to you. In
the course of a month I hope to
write you in reply to your
last letters - Tell them our
affectionate good by - from
Your brother

Jonathan Wilson.

Jan. 31st Canton. I did not write. Have
been busy, sometimes it seems, at al-
most nothing ever since putting foot
on King Bay Island. We came up here
on Wednesday the 17th. Before reaching
King Bay we thought that our crossing
might lead us to go up to Canton by
the night steamer of Tuesday. We found
that a steamer was going to leave for Bay
town on Friday the 19th. But we also
found that there were other passengers go-
ing which circumstance would leave us
but crowded accommodations.