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Letter from John Simonds to George Sibley, February 5, 1844

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St. Louis Feby. 5th 1844

Geo. C. Sibley sqr.

St. Charles

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 24th ult. Came duly to hand.

The package for Capt. Kimball of New Orleans went forward by the clerk of the "John Ault" who will deliver same in person.

You express the wish that I may be enjoying "this fine winter, and getting rich. Especially in the one thing needful." To which I reply that I certainly have enjoyed myself considerably this winter. In the matter of worldly riches, my desires are quite modest in comparison with former ___, spiritually. I am not growing rich quite so fast as I could desire, but as I now view Christian graces and attainments, I suppose it will not be possible in this life to arrive at what will be satisfactory- indeed. I have come to the belief that it would most dangerous for any professing Christian to be perfectly satisfied with himself.

We have at this time a considerable degree of feeling in our church, and are holding meetings morning & evening during the entire week. Last night some 8 or 10 went into the enquiring room, 6 of whom Mr. Potts told me gave good evidence of having given their hearts to the savior, & the others we are all deeply anxious. There are many others in the congregation who I think are nearly ___ to come out to the Lord's side.

There is altogether much to thank God for, and much reason to hope that we are about to enjoy a very considerable revival.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Tunstall are, I think deeply ___. Pray that it may be so, and that they, give themselves away to the savior and take him for their all, I know it would rejoice Mrs. Sibley's heart as well as yours. God will hear our Prayers if we ask with faith.

Your Friend,

John Simonds