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My dear Friend

I have nothing of special interest to communicate respecting our African friends. The girls are provided for at present as follows. One at D. Porter's - one at M. Timothy, brother and the remaining one at Mrs. Swan brother.

Bingus, Kinna and the three girls attended church yesterday and were very respectful and attentive. Mr. Booth was gone Saturday, but I hope will now get settled down and pursue some systematic course.

It seems to me very important, that as soon as possible some one or two individuals should be found, who are willing to devote themselves to a mission to the allendi people, and that they should at once come here and commence teaching and also learning the allendi language - If this is done, a mission can be commenced under the most favorable circumstances. And I can see plainly, that we shall do, ~~but~~ comparatively, but little good to these people, if we change their teachers frequently or if we provide those who are only half devoted to their work.

They are suspicious & fearful, not naturally, perhaps, but circumstances have made them so, and a steady course must be pursued toward them

or they will become discontented and perhaps
discouraged, and ready to desert to anything
rather than remain in their present condition.

Mr Williams went to Hartford on Saturday &
purchased materials for clothing, and the ladies
are to meet on Wednesday & make up some
of the lighter articles.

The sooner some definite plan is settled,
the better. If these people are to remain
here, even two or three months, some other
accommodations must be provided for them -
and if they are to remain 6 or 12 years,
we must take a house, with land
attached, where not only they, but their teachers,
can be accommodated, and where they can
have employment out of doors part of the
time.

Yours very truly

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Want definite instructions.