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YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEYS.



Missionary Steamer, "Morning Star," J. E. White, Master and Chaplain.

Yazoo City, Mississippi,

Oct. 6, 1898.

Eld. Geo. A. Irwin,
Edmond, Oklahoma Ter.

Dear Brother:--

I have your fav. of the 2nd inst. It came to-day. In reply will say, that while it will be a bitter disappointment to me and the rest of the workers here, I see no possible way in which you can come to this part of the world as you thought of doing. The yellow fever is spreading in this part of the south, and although there are not so many cases in any one place as there were last year, yet it now covers a very much wider territory, and there is the opportunity, if the frosts should be late, of a serious epidemic. I have decided to stay at my post, and so have the others of the company, but it would be difficult for us to get out at present, and practically impossible for any one outside to get in. There is a strict quarantine of this county, and there may be soon a strict city quarantine. If we should go out of the county we could not return. If you should succeed in getting into this part of the country in one place, which would be doubtful, you could not go from place to place. I wish I could meet you, but you can see the situation. I can only say that the meeting will have to be postponed until the quarantine is over. I am very sorry on one account. We have a chapel at Lintonia to dedicate, and were expecting you to come and do it. What can you promise for the future. Inclosed is one of the circulars we are sending out to-day of the first meeting in it, next Sunday.

Yours very truly, *J. E. White*
P.S.--I send a copy of this letter to Eld. Allee with the following line to him:

Dear Brother Allee:--

I received a letter from Bro. Irwin with reference to meeting us here near the 20th of this month. He states that he has written to you in regard to the matter. It will be impossible as you will see from my reply to him above. How much I regret the situation I cannot express. We need to see you both. The work here needs careful counselling together. But it cannot be avoided, and so we must do the best we can. Yours truly, *J. E. W.*