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Dear Sir

I had a letter from you sometime ^{ago} requesting some information concerning our penny a week society. I was so ~~thorough~~ then that I could not answer it, and now it is mislaid that I cannot find it. But the loss is not great, for there are few particulars in our society to be known. It was formed on the Monday after our sacrament in the fall, and between forty and fifty enrolled themselves as members. Some more have been added since, but we have not an hundred yet. But I hope we shall creep on to have a few more. A president, treasurer and secretary, with a committee of twelve persons were chosen as managers. No collectors were chosen for want of time, but the committee were requested or intrusted to be collectors till the next meeting of the society. The committee have met twice, chiefly in their capacity of collectors. I do not know how much they have collected, but I believe it is not much above five pounds. We mean to have another meeting soon when some addition will be made to it. And I suppose the next meeting of the society will be on the Monday after our sacrament. — A few of our ladies are contributing their penny likewise but they can hardly be called a society yet, I hope however that they will assume the form of a society by and by.

If I get my will all the penny a week societies in Dietsen will put their money in one purse & send it home for a printing press: and as soon as the press is paid then buy some printing paper, and set a going some some useful publication. I know no better use to which their money can be applied.

I am Dear Sir,

ever yours

James Macgregor.