MISSIONARY INSTRUCTIONS.

Dear Sir,

YOU are appointed by the Trustees of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, to perform the arduous and important work of a Missionary, at Dixfield and vicinity, for the term of twelve and one half weeks.

As the design of missionary institutions, is to furnish moral and religious instruction to the poor and destitute, for their present and future happiness, to this end your exertions will be sacredly directed. You will faithfully and prudently inculcate the doctrines and precepts of Christ; not only on the Lord’s Day, but in the course of the week, as ability and opportunity may be afforded. You will attend religious conferences, meetings for prayer, and funerals. You will visit families, pray with them, and freely converse with them on the concerns of the soul; and when convenient, visit schools, and catechise children.

You will not fail to inculcate, continually and forcibly, the duty of worshipping God in secret, in private, and in public. The strict observance of the Sabbath you will recommend both by precept and example.

To promote Christian order, and prevent confusion and every evil work, you will enjoin submission to the rightful authority of Civil Rulers.

As you will often meet with Christians of various denominations, it is expected that you will treat them with modesty and candour, avoiding controversy, excepting when necessary to a faithful maintenance and defence of the truth.

You will impartially distribute the books and tracts committed to you, according to your best discretion, and directions of the Board.

You will keep a correct journal of your proceedings, for the satisfaction of the Missionary Society; and make an abstract, for the convenience of the Trustees; both which you will forward to the Secretary, in season to be received by him by the middle of April next, or as soon as your mission is fulfilled.

Finally, dear Brother, Go forth in the name of the Lord, and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the destitute. Keep yourself in the love of God, and prayerfully rely on his all-sufficient help and blessing.

By order of the Board,

Sam. Walker  Secretary.
encouraged to make exertions, and before Mr. Bennie left the town 400 dollars were subscribed with the produce of getting more. And a respectable committee have offered the society this money on the terms of our proposal. We have not it expedient to send you to that place to ful-
fill our engagement. It is necessary that your
hands go immediately; as soon as possible—they have expected a missionary before this. If you
cannot go immediately, will you send them
word by letter to Deacon Joseph Miller Esq., when
they may expect you—You will preach
in neighboring towns some—but District
will be the principal fruits of your labors.
At least you will fulfill the society's enga-
gements to them, by laboring to double the am-
ount of their subscriptions—You
may receive their money as part of your
labor, and acknowledge to see the receipt of it.
Our Treasurer will charge it to you, and give
the town of District credit for the same—

I am dear Sir yours affectionately

Rev. D. Longay

Denver June 1820
N.B. You will permit me to remark that it is very desirable you should be more full & particular than you have been in your returns to the Secretary. We expect to learn the moral & religious state of things from our missionaries in the places where they labor, and that their journals will contain every thing of interest, which has occurred during their mission. We wish them to use their influence to form schools, & to encourage the churches to observe the month by concert — and especially do we implore it upon them to labor privately & publicly to convince christians & other people of their solemn obligation to support religious institutions. The reason why so many found in your state are destitute of any regular preaching is not so much owing to the want of ability, as a disposition to support the Gospel. It must be a leading object with domestic missionaries to wake up people to a sense of their duty; to remove their prejudices, to heal their divisions, & bring them to cooperate in this great & public concern.
To Rev. Daniel Lovejoy,

SIR,

YOU have been appointed by the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, to labor as a Missionary, in their service, for the term of five weeks at Littlefield.

Should there be any special attention to religion within your limits, you will be careful to help the good work, and spend as much time there, as is any way consistent with your other engagements.

While laboring under the direction of the Maine Missionary Society, you will consider yourself as laboring for God! and remember that in the last instance you must give an account to him how you perform the work committed to you. Keep the important objects of this Society in view, and endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in your power. Do the work of a Missionary faithfully, and endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. You are carefully to explain and enforce, both in public and private, those great doctrines of the Reformation, called the doctrines of grace; and which this Society hold, as the peculiar doctrines of the gospel.

As it is a law of nature, of reason and justice, that the laborer is worthy of his hire; and as Christ has made it a law of his kingdom, that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, you are at liberty to accept of such donations, as those with whom you labor, shall, from time to time, bestow; but you must be accountable to the Trustees for what you receive.

You will be careful not to engage in any political discussions, or land speculations, while you are in the service of the Society.

It is made your duty, by a late vote of the Trustees, “to endeavor to establish Sabbath Schools, to make arrangements to have stated public worship on the Sabbath when the people are not favored with preaching, and to enquire into the state of instruction of baptized children, in the several places which you visit.”

You will keep a journal of your labors, and carefully note the manner in which your time is employed, and whatever else may be interesting, or instructive to the Society. This, or an abstract, you will transmit, as you have opportunity, to the Trustees.

The Trustees wish you grace to be faithful, and pray that Christ, the great Head of the Church, may abundantly bless you, and make your way prosperous.

By order of the Trustees:

[Signature]

Select Committee.

[Signature]