

Brooklyn, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1875.

C. W. Swanger Esq.

I would have been very kind better  
came to hand yesterday, being detained  
at the Dutch Museum. I at first  
thought it was from my friend E.  
Swanger of New York but afterwards  
saw my mistake. Writing him a  
few minutes after receiving it I  
thanked him for it, which I now  
see he could not have under-  
stood. I shall explain hereafter.

The articles which I am happy  
to see pleased you, were written  
by arrangement with Dr. Cressy, Secy  
in November, the last publication  
last week. They were designed to  
form a Chapter or two in the his-  
tory of Methodism which I am writ-  
ing in the volume of 500 pages  
for the Major. Bear two histories and two

of procedure for the rearrangement of the  
masses & two volumes for their spare time to read. I am  
putting almost all the facts into  
one volume, & many that they  
do not embrace, but classing  
with subject (1840). I intend  
to make it an indispensable  
work to Ministers, & every one  
who is in need of certain Sta-  
tistics, by the tables of several  
kinds which it will embrace.

I am happy to inform you  
that you are not alone in  
your approval of the articles.  
I have had many endorse-  
ments from other quarters. I  
think I shall expound a little  
in the book on several points  
concerning a point or two re-  
ferred to in your letter. So-  
cial man's occupation is one thing  
Political, social & man's oc-  
cupation, are hardly less

important, & are not yet com-  
pleted. I am afraid they  
will, cast us a great deal  
of hard work, but we must  
keep doing.

In writing up British Methodism  
I have had more to say on this subject  
just the treating of the West Indies,  
which will have a bearing on  
this country. Of course they like  
it, will not allow me to expand  
very much on any thing, but  
I can give facts which the readers  
can apply.

I feel greatly obliged by  
your kind letter & shall be greatly  
obliged for any further sugges-  
tions which you may feel dis-  
posed to give me.

Yours very truly,

Lama Porter  
133, Mc Donough St.  
Brooklyn N.Y.

James P. [unclear]

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