

were being drawn in the same channel.
Oh! Awful! How can it be that
such things should occur when the
brethren and sisters here have had so
much warning on the point!

The men here only handled the girl
did not expose their own person to
her; yet a great wrong has been
committed. We try to not act without
stopping long enough to be perfectly
certain that we have the mind
of the spirit of God. Our object is
to put away the sin, and lead the
sinner to repentance and salvation.
We only move a step at a time -
take that step first that is perfectly
plain to us to take. Expectation
will have to come, to save the
cause from reproach; but will hold
it off as long as I can to help the
parties concerned. No one shall know
from me that I have written these
lines to you. The correspondence I
had with you I keep to myself. Pray
for me. I have advice from Bro. Andrews.
Keep him well posted.

These things have worn me much. I
wrote my sermon on Hope while burdened
with this matter. Do as you think best with it.
A. C. B.

A. C. Bourdeau *A. C. Bourdeau*

March 27, 1869.

Bro. White:

I am glad you
can supply us with a pam-
phlet entitled, "Testimony rela-
tive to Marriage Duties and
extremes in Health Reform."
Some have gone to such ex-
tremes, and they are so stern
with all, that it seemed to me
only something of this sort could
reach their cases. Again doubtless
we all need instructions on these
points, and I long to see the
work. Please send me one
copy, at least, by Mail at once.

The Package of Books you
sent I have. Paid \$4.00 Express
bill etc. Doubtless it was right to
send it by Express.

Now this church will want

at least,
50 copies of Testimony on Marriage
Duties and Health Reform, and
50 copies of Questions and Thoughts
on the Revolution etc., for Bible
class lessons.

Please send me these works
as you may think best. If you
send by mail send to my address.
If you send by Express send to
St. Albans, Vt. Charge them
to A.C., and I will send pay
when I dispose of the books,
or pamphlets.

Yours, In hope,
A.C. Bourdew,
Bordoville,
Franklin Co.,
Vt.

W. A. Bourdew

Please read this:

P.S. Your lines appended
to Bill of Books you sent me
recently have deeply affected
me. I pray for you daily. Feel
very unworthy of having any part
in this great work; yet I am
trying to be a better man than
I have been. Hope to be enabled
to overcome my wrongs and to
finally wear the overcomer's crown.

Very deep snows here this winter
have hindered us from striking
in new fields.

Just before Testimony No. 17 came
to us a sad affair was divulged
in this church - a terrible case
of licentiousness. Found that there
had been intimacy between two
young married brethren and an only
daughter in a brother's family aged
13 years; also intimacy between
the girl and her own brother, and others.