

resigned and Messerschmidt spoke to me and said they thought they would  
have to move me to Forrestone. I said I would not consent to move  
unless I would get better school privileges. So I was assigned to  
Forrestone, But oh such experiences I made this time. People  
at Perkins grove did not know what to make of it. And we  
did not like the change but it was made and we had to go.  
In this year 1897 I went through deep waters of tribulation. In  
July 14<sup>th</sup> my dear wife died and was buried in Forrestone. Such a sad  
time left with 3 small children. But the members of the church  
was just as <sup>good as</sup> can be. Took charge of every thing. P. E. Messerschmidt  
had charge of the funeral, he Prof. Kickhoefer from Naperville to  
preach english. A what a sad time. Here I got in trouble with some  
members of our church. Billig + Diehl. Owing to this trouble I was  
again changed in 1898 Conference held in Geneseo. Bishop Horn in  
the chair. At this time I considered to locate. Because P. E. Mess-  
was bound to sent me to Winslow Mission. And he succeeded.  
I served Winslow two years. My Predecessor Osterland had ever  
a dirt + fuss that he got the P. E. into it. and he would not stay  
any longer. So I got into trouble also. The st peters society has  
a quarreling reputation. While there we bot and repaired the church  
But I am Doubtfull if we will gain anything. In 1900 conference  
held in Freeport. I was again assigned to Perkins grove.  
After 3 years at Perkins grove I was assigned to Sterling Mission.  
Here I found the church in a awfull condition. Those that  
were at the time know of the sad affair of Rev Ebert and some  
others. At the time we held out under great distress