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Cincinnati December 17th 1829

To The Rev. James B. Finley, Preacher in Charge of
the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cincinnati,

Sarah Jane Anderson a Member of the
M. E. Church of Cincinnati, is charged with im-
moral Conduct, viz, with clandestinely taking, or
stealing two small pieces of muslin, the property
of Mrs Robinson of this City.

Having taken the necessary previous steps, I
have notified Sister Anderson to appear before a
committee, on Friday afternoon 18th instant, at 3
o'clock, at your office, to answer to the above
charge.

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Dec 18 1829 The accused and accuser was
seen. The case came out the

C. Smith

B. Major

James Blackman

Miss Gibson states that Mrs Robinson
was both present when the Muslin was taken
from the drawer in which Jane kept her clothes
and which was locked up in James' clothes

Love of Sarah
Anderson

Rev. James B. Finley
Preacher in Charge of the
M. E. Church of Cincinnati
Present

We the undersigned being called upon to serve as a committee in the foregoing case, wherein Mr Robinson complains of Sarah Lane Anderson a member of Bro Spencers class for clandestinely taking from her two small pieces of muslin of about a quarter of a yard each — on the trial Mr Robinson stated that Lane came into her employ and continued one week at which time she left, that in that time the muslin was missed and enquired of Mr Gorton who they had about them. and that they went to a certain drawer in which S. Lane kept her clothes and found them but did not intend to say any thing. but ^{that} it was mentioned to one person and from her to others.

Sarah Lane stated that she never saw the muslin to the best of her knowledge till Mr R showed it to her, after Mr R. had told it, and that she did not hear of it till Bro Spencer, went to see on the subject.

The preacher in charge read two certificates signed by very respectable Ladies and one with whom she lived nearly 9 Months in the present year who gave her a good character.

The committee enquired of her Leader how she had attended her class meetings and he stated she had attended well in the general. and manifested desires to save her soul, as far he could judge,

The Committee after hearing the statements and making what enquiries they could, considering in the first place that the house of Mr Robinson to be a boarding house, and that others might have placed the muslin there, (it being a drawer not locked up by Lane) and that she had conducted herself with propriety in other places where she had lived, and that on the trial her conduct was such as was becoming — They the Committee are unanimous in stating that in their judgment Sarah Lane Anderson is not guilty of clandestinely taking the muslin from Mr Robinson.

Cincinnati 18th Decr 1829

Christopher Smith

Benjamin Magon

Jas. Blackmon

Committee