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Dr. Lockett

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Louisville May 10th 1830

My dear friend Mrs. —

I flattered myself before you left this place, that ere this time you would have seen the light of my Countenance in your City. I am sorry that the very letter, which according to promise, and expectation too, should have been my harbinger, only announces my detention here, and must beg you to receive it in substitution of my personal attendance for the present. Not long after your departure, my Partner Dr. Johnston with his family, left this for Wheeling, on a visit to his Father-in-law, he destined for Washington. His return will be in three weeks and four days, by his own calculation, but I add one more week for delays, lost time &c &c If he return by the first of June, or before the summer diseases commence, I shall instantly avail myself of the interval, to visit you, if only for three or four days, as it may only whet my appetite for another in the fall, at which time

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Louisville
1830



To The Rev. J. D. Taylor,
Cincinnati.

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William

I wish to spend a month in the dissecting room
of your Medical school. I am very much pleased
with the specimens of Cincinnati Methodism, so far,
if all be correctly represented in our funds, now in this
place, this tho would be too much to expect, I would
compound for one half, and then look for disappoint-
ment; I that it was Yankee, which is too frigid a
zone for my temperament, he would like to have them
in Louisville, in a religious and social point of view.

"O that mine enemy would write a book"

You may be apprised, that the secession here was
soon followed by a huge pamphlet - an expose of
of the corruption &c of the M. E. Church and the purity of
the radicals, and as this dropped still born from the press,
unnoticed either by saint or sinner, they invited the
good people, through the City papers, to hear two lec-
tures on Church Government, and now having wanted
to see how incorrigible and stupid the people are
not to be reformed or enlightened, they have proposed
another on us. It begins most ludicrously with

"a publication giving an outline of the principles of the
associated Meth. Churches". what a pity that the peo-
ple will be so foolish, as not to have heeded the first
Pamphlet, Lectures, with the gross scandal from the
Mutual rights, and intemperance, in which almost
every one has dealt most liberally out for
the last months in this place. It is a most
sinking cause in this place, and if I know any
thing of the signs of the times, our soil is not ge-

neral to Radicalism. There appears to be an un-
ful pause in our own church, and I fear when
the House is pulled down, for the erection of a new &
larger one, we shall have a retrograde motion.

Should my Partner return in time, with a favorable
combination of circumstances, I will let you know
a few days before I leave this for Cincinnati. Excuse
this, as it is only after being thus called off, that I
have finished it.

Truly yrs
in friendship

P.S. I have had a most unwholesome attack
of the "Blues" for a day & a half.