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Philadelphia May 12 1831

My esteemed bro.

I have received two friendly and pleasant letters from Cincinnati since my return home: one from you, and also one from my good friend Spencer, for which you both have my kind thanks.

On the subject of my removal to the west I cannot yet speak with the certainty I would wish. I think however I shall go, but cannot make all my arrangements so soon as I expected. I had stood with Bishop Hedding on the subject who expects to be at your conference, and he thinks if I do go to Ohio, any such arrangement as I mentioned to you can be made. My father don is at present at sea, and will not be at home until August. After that I shall still have time to go out this season if I do go. My relations are urging me to ^{go} from whom I have lately heard. Those the Lord will direct.

Rev James B. Fenley
Cincinnati
Ohio

God
bless you

We had on the whole a good Conference. This conference has at last concurred with the other conference in the recommendation of the general conference, on the change of the proviso. I wrote, and published a pamphlet on the subject some three months before the conference which it is thought had a good effect in bringing about a change in favour of concurrence.

Bishop Laule appeared greatly pleased on the occasion. He has also gained a high standing here among the preachers, and thinks on the whole had reason to be satisfied.

So far as we are able to judge at present, our increase this year will be about fifty thousand; the greatest we have ever had in one year. Do you not think the radicals have helped us to this? I was pleased at the result of your seed in your place; the result of the one in Pittsburgh is equally pleasing.

Thomas I suppose will be married about the next conference, so I shall not be able to bring him. Willicent my third son is already in Claremont, in the town of Leicester, engaging the Taylor business. So you see I shall have strings pulling both ways.

The Presbyterians are still hanging upon the string of the rally of the Mississippi, talking wonderfully of the Roman Catholics, of the ignorance and distortion of the people, as though the whole of you, waddy and all,

had just dropped from the moon. It almost makes me mad. I met with some Congressmen as I came up the Ohio, who if they knew all about it would almost swear at them. But in truth swearing aside, I never was better pleased with a set of men. As I am closing this letter I almost see your City scene up before me. Do write again
Yours truly, Thos. Sargent