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 Ironton August 18th. A.D. 1845.

To the Rev. J. B. Finley — Dear Sir,

I have taken my pen to address you a few lines in relation to our Circuit. — Afflictions in my family prevented me from seeing you at the quarterly meeting on Ashbury. — In writing to you in relation to our Preachers I shall be unreserved & candid. — The Stewards expressed themselves as being well satisfied with our Preachers of the past year & supposed that either of them or both of them would be well received if they were sent back again, but some of them gave the preference to Bro. Hamilton. — I have sounded the feelings of the membership as far as possible & I find that although Bro. Lewis would be well received yet Bro. Hamilton gets the preference by quite a majority of those I have consulted with. —

Permit me just to say that in the event, neither of them are sent back, that Bro. Harvey stands very high on this Circuit as a Preacher, & Christian. — He would be very glad & grateful I think; could we be favoured with a pious single man. — We never dear Sir do not understand us, as soliciting any peculiar favours, we feel confident, that our beloved elder will do what he conscientiously believes to be just & righteous, & we ask no more. —

As it respects the state of finances for the past year you have, or will learn that we did not cover our quarterly claims, our Preachers received each \$184.26 & their travelling expenses & yourself \$19.00 & travelling expenses. — I am sorry that our circuit does no better.

I suppose you have received your books, as I sent them to Bro. Harvey according to promise. —

Will you be kind enough to ^{request} inform Bro. Parker to write to me from his next appointment, & thus give me to know when to write too & then I give all the information & wishes in relation to the

Sabbath school books he sold to the Miller & Schor -

It is now Monday morning Sept. 1st I have been
sick since I commenced this letter & this morning
I am looking for the mail every moment while
writing these additional lines -

Yours in the bonds of Christian love

E. W. Rutgers

Rev J. B. Staley

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Rev J. B. Staley
Greenwich (Conn)
Dear Sir -