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Rev James B Farley
Cincinnati

(8)

Lundy & Co

Dr Wm
Zanerelle June 13th 1831

We left you on the 1st Inst on the bank
of Miami, where & where I promised to let you hear
from us when arrived at home

Well June 2nd we reached Hillsboro the next
day we had perpetual rain — Sunday was clear
& fine — we had a good meeting. — Monday
we arrived in Chillicothe with the ex Gov in Co
put up at Madeira's & last Thursday got home
safe & in tolerably good health you invalids

Persons & things do pretty well in Zanerelle —
Your old Dr seems proud to think you have
not forgotten him.

I wonder if you would suffer me
to meddle in any way with your business in Cin
without offence? I wish you would build your
improved ground up with a good gothic building
— raising the upper ends of the windows high
enough to light the gallery — the meeting piece may
be so placed as to let the upper part of the sash fall
& the lower part be raised to ventilate the house.
& were it not that you have the common sash
made & on hand — the others would (perhaps) cost
less. — With gothic sides to your house you may
with very little more expense make a very grand
the grave looking front with which you would all
be pleased when done — — for the wall might
be finished rightly to correspond with your Vestibule
doors & windows by raising & coping it as you please

A few 100 brick ~~would~~ ^{call} extra would add what they
(I believe) a prominent front to your doors —
You may think it strange that I seem to have such
interest in this building — but it is to be built for
future ages & I want it to look like "The house of God"
built by those who had like David become ashamed
to live any longer in "curled houses" while the Lord had
nothing but the Tabernacle to dwell in.

I am aware that in all cases like this you
will find persons opposed to expending and cost you
more embellishment — They will also oppose expending
what is necessary for permanency, but these will
build churches — & a few (comparatively) have
to bear the expense. However I hope there is nobody
who will object to building a decent house of worship
merely because they are not able or willing themselves to
contribute to this good work!!

I must not be misunderstood. I am & wish to be
a plain man. I want nothing done for me
show. But I want you to build your house so that
you would ^{not} be ashamed of it. 500 years hence were
you permitted to revisit & take a rest in the
same holy sabbath at that remote period!

After Young & myself are as well as
common perhaps some benefitted by our westward
jaunt — When will your good Sister Neff come
up to pay us a visit? I hope bro H & the little boys are
both well or very convalescent.

Give my respects to all your colleagues in the city. My
love to Bro Smith & Spencer & their families I feel
indebted, deeply indebted to them for their kindness
to myself & Wife while in Cincinnati.

I hope you will let the Phads die in silence
now — their power of annoyance is henceforth harm-
=less as you have broken their 'teeth' & cut their 'claws'.

My wife wishes to be remembered to every body & specially
to her favorite Sister Hiff & family.

I hope you will write me soon that I may know
how you come on in every thing. I hope you
will conclude to come this way to conference &
write me in that time when to look for you.
In unwavering friendship Yrs in X^t D. Young
W. Young