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Office of the G. D. of the G. D. S. of C., of Ohio.

Cincinnati, Oct 17 1849

Worthy Brother,

Your valued favor of the 15th inst is before me, and I assure you that I regret exceedingly to learn by ^{that} you are again afflicted, - the more so, as we used to hear your valuable counsel and advice in the Grand Division at its approaching session. - I hope & pray that the Lord will give you strength to bear with us. Amid my regrets, however, it does me good to learn that you are supported in your trials, by a firm faith in the "Author of our Salvation." - You have for a long series of years, "preached Christ and him crucified" and am truly and truly appreciate this infinite mercy and unbounded benevolence and say with confidence "His Grace is sufficient for me." I almost envy your state of mind.

From present appearances our good brethren at Columbus, will be enabled to carry out all their selfish designs at the approaching session. - Very few members from this section of the State will be in attendance, and hardly any one who has time, who will dare to lift a voice against the cause they are bent upon pursuing - very few will be there, who appreciate the cause of Temperance; hence I trust you will be with us. - But, God's will be done.

Since my last respects to you,
I have been placed, by a sense of duty, in rather tenta-
= mistic position to the Grand Division, growing out
of the action of that body, at their July session. —

You doubtless, will remember the complaints of
the Columbus brethren, with regard to appropriations,
disbursements &c. — These Complaints were at Cleveland
turned into a charge against somebody, and a
Committee of investigation appointed, at the Division,
"Making the charges" Made the scaps and fangs!!
Thinking that I could discover in all this, foul play,
I determined to resist an investigation by the
Committee appointed at Cleveland, and asked
the Grand Division to appoint an impartial
Committee. This word impartial has given offence
to the Columbus, brethren, and I suspect their
batteries will be opened upon me in good earnest
in the approaching session. — I shall meet them,
and if I fail, will with the help of Providence, "fall, with
my face to the foe"

If you have strength, please examine
the proceedings, and give me your opinion in the
meantime.

On the last session, the G.D., directed that the
G.W.P. should extend an invitation to Father Matthew
to visit Ohio. — I have complied with the requisition, in
consequence of your illness. —

I shall probably give you "more of the same
sort" before I leave for Columbus, and trust that on
this subject you, & Malady will have been removed.

Truly & fraternally yours Wm Young 452