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Domestic duties will keep me at
home a few days, and I shall not make
any appointments, until I hear from
you, when if you decide to accompany
me, I shall consult your convenience -
I have been laboring alone so long, that
I feel the want of such aid as your
presence will impart, and shall be
under renewed obligations if
you can find it convenient or con-
sistent with your health to under-
take the work.

Whether you decide to ac-
company me or not, let me beg of
you to remember me and our cause
at the Throne of Grace and believe
me
Yours in the bonds
of our Order

Geo M Young
Rev. John B. Finley
Caton.



Grand Division, of S. of T., of O.
College Hill, July 28 1851.

Rev L D Proctor,

Being your truthful
and excellent remarks, in the Foreman
columns. Now that, it is my duty to make
you acquainted with our prospects, so
far as they I am acquainted with
them.

As yet, but comparatively few of
the S. of T. have reported, but in the
main, such as have reported, state that
the Order is in rather healthy condition
and that its prospects for doing good
are now far better than for some time
past. - It has been purged, of the Apos-
tles, in great degree, and now attention
is directed to the great objects of our
Organization - An effective and active
plan of out of door operations, thus
in many cases been adopted and
in some cases, a more extensive plan
of moral improvement, has taken the
place of, bickering and jealousy.

So far as I have visited the various
Divisions, and have been able to judge,
I feel fully satisfied that the great
obstacles which have been in the way
of our advancement, has been the want
of a proper consideration of duty - of
responsibility - of Moral and Civil obligations
and God-given feeling - a want of active
Effort, and of that self sacrificing Spi-
rit which is indispensably necessary to the
advancement of Moral reform. —

In my communications with Divisions
I have often the ground that it is the duty
of every Son of Temperance to recognize the
promotion of the cause of Temperance as
the cardinal principle of the Order and
observe it as such — That every Son
of Temperance, is bound by his obliga-
tion to be in every sense a Moral man,
and to live up to and observe all Moral
rules — That he is bound to carry out
his principles to the "Ballot Box", and
in all his duties as a citizen he is
to be actuated, by a pure regard
to see Moral principles, and to
exhibit in all cases, his faith by
his words.

In most cases the justice of their principles
have been acknowledged, and brethren
have expressed a disposition to erect
a higher Moral standard. — Yet I fear
that this will soon be forgotten and we
shall again have coldness and apathy.
Listlessness and inactivity.

The fact is, dear Brother, that the Mass
of the Material, of which our Order is
composed, is of that kind, that it must
be constantly stirred and laborer with,
or it will be inert + useless. — We want
Missionaries, Colporteurs and Agents,
in abundance — One Agent can do
but little good, especially such an
one as myself. — We want too, a more
willing disposition to sustain the Press —
We must attain this or we are lost.
But I am weary of your patience.

My principal object in writing
to you, is to ask you to accompany
me in my next tour, through portions
of Green, Clark + Warren Counties —
I do this at the solicitation of many
of the brethren, and if you will
consent, it shall be my care to
make ~~the~~ your tour a comfortable one.