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Worthington Ohio. Feb 26-1850

Dear Brother Finley

It may be a matter of some interest to you to hear from us on worthington circuit. and I will try to tel you a little how we are geting along.

My plan of operation on a circuit (though not verry well matured) is to ascertain how much methodism there is on the circuit, and where it is. and to identify it and to add to it. and when I find Quakers. and winebranerians. and Presbyterians and nothingarians. who will not attend Classmeeting and the means of grace.

I turn them out. We have had a gooddeal of this to do on this Circuit. a number of delinquents have ben cut off. but our strength is not diminished. but rather increased. obstacles being removed the action of the body is more free and vigorous. we have ^{had} a verry good revival in worthington this winter. some ten professed religion an were recieved on trial. our congregations are goo. the Stewards are indeavouing to sustain the Character of the Circuit. the seminary is doing well. the entier board of instruction are methodist

We have four new Churches on the circuit
built the last and present years: which
will add permanency to the Circuit.
one remains yet to be dedicated. a stone
house of tolerable size on the east bank
of the Siata river five miles above Columbus
Cold Asbury Chapel. the society here is small
and comparatively poor. so we must economize
in order to prevent imbarisment. there will
probably be a debt of \$200 at least on the house
we can have it ready in may or june.

now father Finley permit me to ~~make~~ the
following suggestion as you visit Columbus
and Delaware sometimes. if you contemplate
being in these parts in may or june (for we
could not expect you to come so far on purpose)
we would be glad to have you preach the
dedication sermon. be assured that this is
the wish of the brethren generally.

if it will suit your convenience at all
to gratify us in this thing. please write to me
soon and fix the time in one of these months
to suit your self. And if you cannot
comply with my request. I hope you will
not think ~~me~~ presumptuous in making
it. as I feel it my duty to do the best
that I can. Your brother in Chris with Love

I remain

Wm Porter