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Rev. James D. Gentry
 Yellow Springs
 Green County
 Ohio.



Cincinnati, Saturday Evg.
 January 4. 1851

My dear Bro: Gentry

I duly received your welcome letter of 30th ulto, and we most sincerely rejoice over the news you communicate. My faith was strong that the Good Lord would bless us about the Springs, in our new church arrangement. My heart is made glad, and I feel humbled when I see how bounteously the Lord is willing to deal with us, such unworthy creatures — My heart fills with gratitude. The Lord is always good, and believe me, I am still hoping for greater displays of his glory. My Prayer is that he will carry on the work, and that every soul in the whole neighborhood may be blessed. And I don't stop here, but may such a flame be kindled, as will spread, far & wide, in every direction till the whole country experience the joyful visitation, & the people all say "Blessed be the name of the Lord". Tell my friend Cox how I rejoice, and am made glad. I should be much pleased to be with you, and possibly I may make it out to get up to your quarterly meeting. The Lord knows how miserably weak & imperfect creatures we are, in ourselves — May he strengthen us in every good purpose, & keep every soul that he has condescended to bless, "faithful to the end"! !

may the Lord supply your lack, and prepare and
sustain you for all that is before you my dear Bro:
Finley - and may all the Brethren be at their post.
The "Charge" is in its infancy & needs nursing, but
you have many choice spirits about you on whom
you can always depend, & who would grace any
Church whatever. May the Lord bless you all -
just now! - just now!

your Brother in Chr

William Steff