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## Letter from Thomas Mason to James B. Finley

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Rev. James D. Finley  
Cincinnati  
Ohio.

Received  
of New York  
Nov 23

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New York Oct 23. 1829  
My dear Brother, I have had it on my mind  
for some time to write to you, and since you are  
now stationed in Cincinnati where a letter will be  
pretty sure to find you I will send you one.  
You have noticed doubtless that I have been pro-  
moted to office & elevated to the P. Eldership; in con-  
sequence of which I was permitted to soar over  
the Green mountains last winter, when the snow  
banks in some places were of no ordinary depth.  
I behaved myself so well that the Bishops have  
continued me in the honorable station another  
year, notwithstanding an earnest request was  
made, and that by men of high standing and  
great influence, that I might be sent to occu-  
py a place in a large & strong brick building in  
the City of New York. Not however to punish  
me for crimes committed, but to perform certain  
important services. Bishop Pot knows the whole  
matter. We had some prosperity on the Dis-  
trict last year, and I think our prospects are



still more encouraging for the present. I hope to see greater things before next conference.

I reside with my family in the City of Troy.

We were called to part with our youngest child, Susannah Wesley, last winter, and all the remaining four have been afflicted, and the

Elders (Mary) nigh unto death. But the Lord has been pleased to restore them so that all the family were in comfortable health when I left home on Monday last. My two Elder daughters Mary & Elizabeth, the One Eleven & the other nine

years old, both profess to have experienced religion within a few weeks, in a revival amongst the Sunday School scholars & teachers. About 30 of

them are united in a class, most of whom I think have found peace with God. O what a blessed institution is the S. School for the rising generation! May they prosper more and more.

My dear wife is deeply interested in them and wherever she goes fails not to engage in them and that with success. Having been in them from their commencement in this City. She

& the children join in love to yourself & Sister Thirley.

You will recollect perhaps that you promised to procure for me, if you could, a copy of the "Pilgrims Songster" published some years ago in the West, & forward it to me - I have been very desirous of obtaining it, thinking it might contain some valuable spiritual songs - with which I might enrich my own publication. But I have not rec'd. it. I would renew my application to you and if you can procure one, old or new, send it to me at Troy, N.Y. by mail,

up as pamphlets are and the number of sheets marked on the wrapper. Theophelus Arminius mentions ~~his~~ in one of the numbers of the last vol of the Mag. that he had revised that book & given it to a poor brother for publication - If it is published you can probably procure a copy.

I sent you a copy of the small size Edition of my Lion's Songster to Genl. Conference - I should be pleased to find sale for some of them in the West. Please give my love to Br. Sade & family when you see them. Yrs in love Thomas Mason