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Wm. Heath
1845

Rev James W. Henry
P.O. of Janesville Wis.
Hudson Ohio
Favored by
Bro. Conrey

Franklin Ohio January 1 1845

My Dear Bro. hearing from Bro. Conrey that his lady intends starting in the morning for your quarterly meeting I thought I would hastily trace a line to let you know that I have not forgotten you, nor the friendships which you have often shown to me. When we parted at Judge Spino's, you requested me to write to you especially if I saw any new feature in the matter of which we were speaking. I would say that I have conversed since I saw you with Bro's James Henry David Reed, Joseph McElwain, Stephen H. Conrey, Joseph W. Smith on the side of our view of the subject and they all appear to be firmly opposed to the evil - and I have conversed with Bro's David Whitcomb and James Armstrong of the Masonic Fraternity - they both appear to be very moderate but very firm in their attachment to the institution. I told them both very friendly that I was opposed to the institution. Bro. Armstrong says he does not attend the lodge and they both said they thought it was better for our preachers not to join as they would lose more friends than they would gain. Bro. Whitcomb thought that Anthony had not yet joined, but said he knew Anthony had wished to procure a dispensation from the grand lodge for that purpose but enough of this. I am in tolerably good health and working hard though accomplishing but little within the last eleven days I have preached eleven times and rode about one hundred and eighty miles beside other labours. The friends at Old Union are well and by no means forget you. I hope you will have a good quarterly meeting and that the pleasure of the Lord will abundantly

prosper in your hands - The times as to religion seem to be
improving, several small revivals are going on in the region
of my late travel - Write me a line if you have time by
Sister Conroy, and send me any and every thing of interest.
I would just remark, that I do not know as to whose
district I this year properly belong; or who is my Presiding
Elder. I am living in Bro. Whitcomb's, and I believe my
name stands on the Minutes in yours - But I must cease
Pray for me and May the Lord still Bless you

Rev. J. W. Hinley

Yours Affectionately though
Unworthily
Uriah Henth