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Letter from Leroy Swarmstedt to James B. Finley

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Chm Feb 1. 1845

Dear Bro Guiley.

Yours was received on yesterday I was glad to hear of your health, prosperity on the District, my prayer is that your last days may be your happiest, & best days. We have long felt the difficulties you speak of with regard to subscribers to our W. C. A. but know not how to remedy them.

At your request we send you the acct against Bro's Harrison & Wilson, Bro Harrison must not blame us for Bro Lovell's failure, I am sorry that Methodist Preachers do so. We cannot credit Bro Harrison for the 2¢ Lovell promised to pay out of money he borrowed. If Bro H. had paid him the 2¢ for the W. C. A. and taken his receipt then we would credit H. & charge Lovell, you can take 5.50¢ from Bro Wilson tell him he must look out, and not get so far behind.

On the subject of the signs of the times in the South, I can say but little, most of the preachers seem to think a division inevitable, yet they deplore it. I must think with you, if it were left to the people we should not divide. Our brethren of the Arkansas, & Mississippi Confs, are not as rabid as we would suppose, I believe the old men feel serious on the subject, as the time draws nigh. For myself Bro H. I deplore the prospect of division, I must think if it takes place the glory of our beloved Methodism will have departed for a time at least. My prayer is that we may be saved from the threatened calamity.

Our Broth Comd. will meet on the 19th of March could you not be with us at that time? You tell me to write to you at Lanesville by the 8, & 9th April. I direct this to the care of Wm Young, & request him to forward it, as I desire you to get it soon. We directed a letter to you some days since to Lanesville, I hope it will have reached

you before this, as it is important that you return it to us with your signature. Give my love to all my old friends who ask after me. Your friends here are generally well. Bro. Jeff is at the Springs this week, I think they are not very angry with you. Come, & see us?

Yours as Ever
Levy Swonsted



Cincinnati Feb 1st 1845

Mr Richd J Harrison
To Meth. Book Concern Dr
For Western Ch. Advocate from No 295 to 344 inclusive ... \$4.04

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Care of
Lanesville
Ohio
Mr Young.
Please forward
this to Mr H

Henry Swonsted
Cincinnati
Jan 1845

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Mr Henry Wilson
To Meth. Book Concern Dr
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H. Wilson's subⁿ began at No 1 - years credited 9 - paying to No 468 end of Vol 9. - last credit in Aug. 1842 by Rev C. Brooks 54 paying for vols 8 & 9 - If anything has been paid since that please report it.