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Recd
J C Brown
May 4th

Columbus O
May 10th 1848

Dear Bro Fairley I have been con-
vinced for some years of the impor-
tance of publishing our Advocates
in a form different from the
present. You yourself perhaps
have deplored the impossibility of
preserving them for future reference
in consequence of their present most
inconvenient form. Many impor-
tant documents are published in
our papers, important to preachers
and people in all coming time
but so unwieldy are they at present
and especially if bound in a volume
that they scarcely see the light ere
they are doomed to destruction.

Can they not be published in a
Quarto form as the Pittsburgh C.
advocate. And will not the General
Conf see the importance & propriety
of such a change as this. I would

rather pay \$5.00 for it than have it in its present form for nothing. To this request I could get a thousand petitioners.

If consistent with your own views and those of the Ohio Delegation please propose & advocate the measure.

I am glad to see something said in regard to uniformity in pronouncing the benediction. As it is, all is confusion where there ought to be the utmost order & decency.

I regard the practice of dismissing the Congregations standing, as most unfortunate. Some, meanwhile are hunting their hats adjusting their coats & bonnets &c and all are on tiptoe for a start. In fact every thing is in confusion in the majority of Congregations.

Let the Congregations be dismissed kneeling at the close of the last prayer as on our Sacramental occasions and the good impressions made during the service will be fostered & much disorder prevented.

Matters are going on as usual at the prison. The friends are all well.

Your appointments so far have been regularly filled & I suppose will so continue. Tomorrow the Great Democratic Convention comes off in our town. A few straggling Locos are here.

God grant you health and the leadings of his Holy Spirit

Yours in love G. C. Cusack.
to Rev. J. B. Linsley