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## Letter from J. Hendershott to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Finley

This Conference

Newark.

Just Hendricks  
Oct 14

Springfield, Sept. 25. 1848.

Brother Finley  
Dear Sir,

(There is one subject to which I would desire, respectfully, to invite your attention, and in doing so, I hope you will acquit me of all selfish or sinister motives.

I am aware that applications to the Conference for particular ministers, but seldom receive any consideration. Nor is it in that view, I wish to be understood, in directing to you, a few friendly, and well intended suggestions.

Having learned that Bro. Mitchell, late of the Book Concern, Cincinnati, is about to assume an itinerant relation with <sup>the</sup> this Conference, it has occurred to me, that, unless his services should be imperiously demanded in the City, you could not assign him to any station where those services might be more advantageously employed to the Church, than in the Town of Springfield.

It is known to you, perhaps, that our congregations are unusually large. That owing to the traveling facilities, with which our place is now connected, these congregations are often made up of a numerous class of intelligent strangers; besides the constant influx of emigrants, who are invited here, with a view to a permanent settlement. There are also, as you know, a number of Churches in this Town, some of them quite imposing, in all that that relates to the external forms of Religion.



the Presbyterians and Catholics, have now in a course of erection, two large edifices, which in point of architectural elegance, will throw a shade of insignificance over the temple, where Methodists have congregated for so many years.

For these reasons, and many others which might be adduced, I hope Sir, that your influence, in the matter herein submitted, may be so directed, as to secure the appointment of Bro. Mitchell to Springfield Station.

I am with great respect,  
your unworthy bro. & friend.  
W. F. Endershot.