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Rev.
J. A. Morris

Rev. James B. Fiske
Cincinnati Ohio
By the parent of
Dr. John D. Canale

Columbus O. Oct 31 1830.

My dear Bro.

I improve the present opportunity to let you hear a few things from me and the Church committed to my charge. My appointment this year was altogether unexpected to me until a very few days before I rec'd it, but not at all unpleasant. However deficient in other things, I feel zealous in the doctrine of Stimulancy: and believe that the general dear hawling we all got this year is what the Church and we all stand in need of, and I for one cordially acquiesce therein. I have been here every Sabbath but one since Conference, and that I miss by going for my goods. We live in the cottage on the alley behind the Church, which the brethren have now furnished pretty well. I & whar we feel quite at home, for "having food & raiment we are there with content." Our property at Lebanon is rented to James Clark Jr. at \$48 per year, and Chas. left behind for the purpose of going into all the associations &c. As it regards the state of affairs here, we have 6 classes, containing 60 male & 140 female members, in all 200, of whom about one fourth live in the Country round town. I have got once round meeting all the classes, and considering the poor opportunity the preachers had here last year they have left things in

better than I expected to find them. The young men deserve credit for doing so well. Also, I have spent nearly two weeks in sheep hunting and trying to collect the scattered flock into the fold before the storm of winter beats upon them. We have a great many sick people in Columbus, mostly with the ague. Our Father Grubb is about taking his latitude & departure for the port of Heaven as long as he could speak his theme was glory! and now he is Hallowed for deliverance. — Our Church is in the same unfinished state it was in when you were here last. It is however pretty well filled in general by ~~attentive~~ hearers somewhat attentive, but not much excited. Now taking the whole together, I am in tolerable spirits so far; and tho' I am not self-confident yet I hope to pray more, read more, write more for religious purposes, & do some little more good this year than either of the two last. Happy in the reflection that my coming here was not of my seeking, and that I have no business here but the business of a Methodist preacher I am determined to go forward in the straight & narrow way, regarding neither big folk nor little folk, big things nor little things, more than the Gospel requires. By the grace of God they shall hear from ^{me} on the subjects of whiskeyism, & every other Devilism practiced in this place. — The Presbyterians are building a church here with a baptismal story and

gallery, and a Cupola steeple that will look the State house out of countenance. The cost is estimated at \$7000, and the funds to be raised by selling pews. This I judge will increase the no. of the poor who will have the gospel preached to them at our Church. While they are attending to these outward matters, we I trust, will be engaged at the inner work of the temple, and may the Lord keep for his name's sake. — Perhaps I have said as much now on this subject as you will have patience to read, and hasten to a close.

I trust the good times you have heretofore had in the City will continue and increase more and more. Remember me to the brethren your colleagues. Miss Gail & myself wish to be also remembered kindly to Sister Winley & you. To receive a line from you will always be agreeable to us. And when you are pleading before the Mercy Seat, then remember unworthy us.

Yours Sincerely.

Rev. James B. Finley.

Thos. A. Morris