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Rev W B Finley
Columbus

By M. H. Young
G. J. Clarke
from the G. D.

1195

Grand Division Rooms
Cincinnati July 31, 1848

Dear Brother,

It is conceded on all hands, that the progress of the "Temperance Reform" depends in a great degree upon the "Sons of Temperance."

In the language of our present M. W. "It becomes us, therefore, as friends of the Order, and of the sublime principles it inculcates, to avail ourselves of every honorable means at our disposal, to acquaint the public with the origin, rise, progress and history of the Order - with its genius and principles - with its hopes and aims. By these, we have every thing to gain - by it, we have nothing to lose. The more the popular mind becomes familiar with its principles and its aims - with its labor and its trophies, the more will prejudice give place to confidence, and hostility to friendship."

Desirous of carrying out these views and of placing our Order in this State, in a high and elevated position, the Grand Division, at its session held at Steubenville on the 26th inst, Resolved, -

"That an Agent be employed by this Grand Division, who shall traverse the State, and especially those sections of the State, where our principles are not generally understood, for the purpose of diffusing the same, and that he shall also be empowered to open new Divisions, in conformity with the usages of the Order."

In conformity with the foregoing resolution, the Grand Division have secured the services of Bro J. A. Collins, the efficient and talented Editor of the "Ohio Washingtonian Organ" who will enter upon the field of his labor within a few days.

Bro. Collins enters upon the labor assigned him, with a heart "fired with zeal" for the promotion of "Virtue, Temperance and Brotherly Love." The Grand Division looks to you and the subordinate Division, of which you are a member, to aid and sustain him in the great and arduous work, and we ardently hope, that you will fully cooperate with him in awaking a spirit which shall prompt all our brethren, "To fly to Quaker and to Save."

Bro Collins will first visit the "Western Reserve" and adjacent Counties, making Wooster in Wayne Co, his headquarters, where all communications addressed to him, will be attended to. After his arrival at Wooster & consulting with the brethren of the vicinity, he will publish a programme of his intended operations.

Bro Collins, however willing, is unable to bear any proportion of the expenses attendant upon this experiment; it is therefore hoped, that the brethren will contribute freely & fully to its support, that a draft to any extent upon the Treasury of the Grand Division may be avoided. All money paid to Bro Collins will be accepted for by him in the name of the Grand Division and applied as an offset to his expenses & salary.

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Grand Division, the G.O.P. has clothed Bro. Collins, with general powers as D. G. O. P. and it is to be hoped, that he will be enabled with the cooperation of the brethren to plant our Standard in every City, Town & Village.

To effect the object contemplated, it is recommended, that efforts be made to get up at proper times and places, large "Map Conventions, at which a spirit and enthusiasm can be awakened, which will not only stimulate the brethren to new zeal, but call for the establishment of sub-

ordinate Divisions in places at present unoccupied
By Order of the Grand Division
In Love, Purity & Fidelity

Geo. W. Young, G. S.

