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Johnson
New Plymouth
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Rev J. B. Vinley D.M.B.
Columbus
Ohio

845 N York
128 N Jersey
741 Maryland
326 N A
56 Connecticut
192 Massachusetts
12 Columbia

100 Virginia
414 Maine
428 Ohio
152 Indiana
154 Tennessee
158 N Y
30 Georgia
91 Illinois
65 Michigan
50 Missouri
205

Jan 5

Brother
Fisher

New Plymouth 0
Jan 13th 1879

I am requested to say to you that a communication will be laid before the Grand Division of which you are a member by Brother Dr. Mr. Young asking pecuniary aid to enable New Plymouth D 26929 to finish their Hall which is now about completed but not paid for. I am a member of said Division and was altogether opposed to this plan of raising funds (same to beg them from other Divisions) but the Brethren did as the Lord and only alternative resort to it and have procured some funds but not a sufficient amount to enable them to comply with contract and get possession of the building which we cannot have until the funds are raised the balance being about Seventy Dollars.

It may be thought that considering the strength of this D it was a somewhat rash act to undertake this building but I can assure you that we had too much at stake not to make a desperate effort to establish a branch of our "Repled" order in this community in whose efficacy we have so much confidence.

The building was contracted very low at \$225 of which ~~and~~ (being poor moderate circumstances ~~and the~~ great sacrifices which we have been obliged to make) we can assume had a part. And as we now see our fate depends on aid which we may receive from other quarters.

If we can pay for our hall we stand; if we cannot and it is sold from us we fall paralyzed and heart broken. This consideration has induced me to give my assent to the the above named mode of procuring funds choosing rather to bear the odium of having been a hater for a good purpose than to enslave the charges in

mortification and perhaps contemptuous slang of our
persecutors which must inevitably have followed a failure in
this glorious Cause under our circumstances
We cannot clear the idea of disbanding and our means are limited
we now ask help by way of Donation or otherwise
We wish to enlist your influence in our behalf and therefore
hope that you will advocate the cause of our circular
Yours in Love

D. W. Johnson