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Rev. J. C. Finley
Cincinnati Ohio

Cincinnati May 22^d

Dear Bro Finley

I suppose that by the time you receive this, you will have seen the Western Advocate containing the account of the separate organization of the Church South. The only additional intelligence we have received is that: A Committee has been appointed to place before the South the causes of Separation. A Missionary Society has been formed; Bishop Paul president; Andrews and others vice pres; Bishops Doel and Andrews have been requested to become constitutional Bishops of the Church South: the latter has accepted the appointment, the former declines until the meeting of the Southern Conference in May next: when after its permanent organization he will be happy to become their Bishop: - The convention has adjourned sine die, As a matter of course there has been some feeling on the subject in this place, but all appears now quiet: The deed is completed and now for the effects: time must develop them.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
now in session in this place: have Resolved
by almost a unanimous vote: that the Pa-
-latriam of the Church of Rome is not a valid
or christian Baptism; and hence, that
all converts from that community must
be rebaptized. They have passed over
the subject of Slavery; by approving the
whole concern; and recommending kindness
in masters, obedience in slaves. Some are
indignant at their action, some filled with
admiration at their wisdom and prudence.

An Agent of the Baltimore Conference has been
at Louisville; during the convention: He seems
to look forward.

The City is becoming remarkably dull
commercially; Religiously; and otherwise, and
I have a longing desire to see again the quiet scene
of the country. Amid the agitating scenes of
earth and the corrupt plottings of ambitious
men religious and political it is a blessed
thought to reflect that the Lord reigneth
and that ere long He will cause the
wrath of man to praise him and extend
over our earth His own blessed and
peaceful reign; May the Lord hasten
His Kingdom and save us all. Amen

W. Langard;