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## Letter from A. Riddle to James B. Finley

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Rev. Jas. B. Finley  
Newark  
Dickinson County  
Ohio

W. A. Miller  
Care of  
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Cincinnati, September 28th 1848

Dear Brother,

I returned on Saturday last from a very pleasant excursion in the North & East - after an absence of over three weeks - I have come to the conclusion that there is no place like "my own happy country" - I shall not be at Conference this year - I write these lines to ask your attention after the "University" at Delaware - The Board of Trustees, by the aid of the ~~visitors~~ visitors, done at their last meeting all that could be done - If the Ohio & North Ohio Conference will but carry out the acts of the Board of Trustees & visitors - all will be well - The Ohio Conference on her part by their visitors, agreed to raise 9000, their contribution of \$1500 - This can be done -

There is but one other matter, and I am done - The Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Female College, some six weeks since, elected the Rev. John Wiley of the Ohio Conference, Professor of Mathematics & Languages - His connexion with the College will be of the utmost importance - The Church will have to spare him for the time being - I hope the Conference will confirm his appointment - It would make a difference at this time of at least \$1500 - It is of great importance that Bro. Wiley should be appointed Professor in the school - There has many students come this Session, on acc<sup>t</sup> of his connexion alone -



There will be objections to Bro. Wiley, leaving the work to go into  
the College. These objections were come to later - The plan can  
not be supplied without injury to the College - The College is  
involved - and I hope that nothing will be done to impede  
its onward progress - I again say to you, that it is now of  
the highest importance that Bro. Wiley should be connected  
with the College - I hope you may have peace in all  
the business connected with our beloved Zion -

Your Brother  
A. N. Nettleton

Rev. J. B. Wiley

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