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Letter from John Price Durbin to James B. Finley

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U.S.G. Feb. 27 1834

My dear Mr Fairley: Your letter, respecting the "Specimen number" did not surprise me. I told some of our dear good brethren here, before any such number came, that I looked for it. They mean well. I have every confidence in them, but I differ with them in judgment. I wished the paper to be the size of the Western Methodist. This will accommodate the mat as well as the living & shirt.

Ch. A. & Jr. with its necessary

materials &c. will the cost. I have suggested a meeting of the Book Committee here. It will take place. I wait for the "remonstrance" of the meeting you mentioned was to take place in Cincinnati. I believe we shall get the matter right here now. I hope so. I have done all I could for you: and shall yet carry the judgments of our brethren here. When I say I do not mean I am alone in my opinion, but as I am from the west, I have not forgotten its real wants. Others here agree with me. All acted for what they thought to be best.

J. P. Furber
1834
Corrying the West
Christian Advocate
Answer to a letter
I wrote to him.
Saying we must
have it or Northward
Commence one
on the spot

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Wm. Fairley
Cincinnati, Ohio.



If any of you suppose the Brook Court, here are
neglectful of you, or careless of your interests in the
Mist, you are wrong. My dear Mr you are mistaken.
They are impartial.

As things now are would it not be best
to postpone the commencement of the Paper
'till the first of August. I would then commence
it, get out the first half dozen numbers, and
the Editor would come from Conference, & I
would stay with him a month or two until
he should get fully indoctrinated into the business.

If you now commence 1st of May, I fear you
will have no subscribers. Let us have time to
make the attraction here, & procure subscribers
there. Moreover, if I come the 1st of May, I shall
have upon the rising of your Conference. The
new Editor will not understand the business.
For there is much of tact in this matter. If
the Committee in Circum. would advise
the postponement in view of what I have
suggested - it would be acceptable here.

All this only for private use - not for official

public notice - I write for myself alone.
My health is good. I long to see you all
in the West again.

As ever yours

J. D. Durbin.