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Troy Ohio March 20 - 1852

Dear Bro. Kinley

Yours was received in due season and afforded us great satisfaction indeed. We cannot but feel indignant at the manner in which many have treated you in your old age. There is one source of congratulation and that is their reward will be given to them. There is a day of retribution coming and it will come soon. Show all that I can learn our delegation will make a desperate effort to sustain the position of the Ohio Con. But in my opinion they must fail. My advisers from the East are all favorable. I was informed the other day that matters there, like the handle of a jug, are pretty much all on one side. Still however it will be necessary for us to put forth all our energies. Our opponents will endeavor to circulate many rumors to prejudice our cause. The movement at Kinley Chapel in Dayton, I have no kind of doubt was designed to be used as capital hereafter. It will no doubt be brought in to show that the people are so decidedly against us, that even the "Old chief" so far suffered in their judgment, that they were unwilling to continue his name in their congregation. But we must ferret out this matter. It is understood I think among many of the folks there, merely as an expression of respect to the memory of Bro. Raper. But the leading men there, are mere tools in the hands of others - and have done up an unworthy business. Still however I do hope you will not for one moment give yourself any uneasiness. The authors of this scheme will yet be known and rebuked. The developments in reference to printing tickets display a sad state of affairs indeed. There must have been some most notorious lying done by some persons, and I go in for pushing the matter to a decisive result. These things are too outrageous to be endured. If this be "old fashioned"

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Methodism the sooner we get something new the better it will be for us and the world. Printing and circulating the tickets was bad enough. But afterwards to deny it makes the thing much worse. I wish they would give less attention to "pews" and "family sittings" and pay greater deference to the weightier matters of the law. They start back with holy horror at the idea of such a violation of the "purity and integrity" of Methodism as they find in a man sitting down with his family - but without any compunctions of conscience whatever, forfeit the dignity of the ministerial office, and in the most unscrupulous manner go to work at misrepresentation and falsehood. I feel so indignant that I am ready to say "out upon such arrant inconsistency and hypocrisy. These things must be known by some means at Boston."

I hope Providence may open your way to get there - You may never have another such an opportunity to promote the cause of truth and justice. You must by all means make an effort to go - We shall all meet at Springfield on Monday April 26 and proceed on to Boston the ensuing day Providence permitting - We are all well - Mr Inskip has 47 scholars - He has managed my temporal affairs - and is fast fulfilling your prediction that she "would bring me out safe" - The Baptists are giving us some trouble about "immersion" - They have decoy'd two or three of our folks away - Tomorrow I shall preach on Baptism. I hope we shall suffer no further injury - Your friends are all well. Hope you will write soon - God bless you - My wife joins me in the most cordial greetings to yourself and family.

Yours fraternally and forever

John S. Inskip