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## Letter from Charles Holliday to James B. Finley

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Cincinnati, Dec. 30, 1835

Honored & Beloved Brother,

I thank you most respectfully for your kind Letter and bless God that I am not forgotten by a minister whose labours have been so profitable to me, and whom I so sincerely love and esteem.

You my dear brother was faithful, and entered into the Holy & Honorable work of the Ministry in your youth, and you have not labored in vain — Whenever you finish your course, I expect you will be supported triumphantly thro' the swelling Waves of Jordan — and when you land on the other side, I have no doubt but you will be welcomed by hundreds & thousands of your spiritual charge to whom you have been a blessed instrument of helping on their way to Heaven — And while you give all the praise to God & the Lamb, you will enter into the joy of your Lord.

Though I saw (I still see) much of the Lord's goodness I hesitated long before I could consent to give up the Comfort of domestic Life and become a travelling Preacher — But the Lord has had mercy upon <sup>me</sup> & by his infinite Grace my sins are forgiven thro' the merits of Christ.

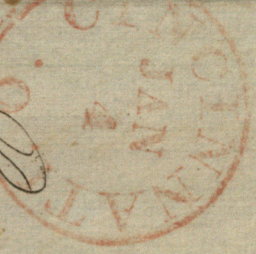
I do hope Brother Finley that your useful life will be long pursued, and that the Church will long be profited by your useful labours — but you have nothing to fear (I trust) from death — Your beloved Father & family & friends & the Church will be <sup>grieved</sup> for you, but you who <sup>have</sup> grown old in the service of God, will lose nothing — but gain much by that messenger who will be commissioned to dismiss you from the toils & labors of this life & introduce you to the Bloodwashed Church Triumphant in Heaven.

You ask me to pray for you — Truly if my poor prayers avail anything, I assure you I do not forget you — I remember with pleasure when you favoured us with your company frequently in the Book Room, and of ten feel sorry that you cannot spend more time with us — and I earnestly beg that you will bear me on your mind before the throne of Grace.

I hope there will be no such Changes in our Economy as to affect our general plan — I believe it cannot be <sup>much</sup> mended — The Cause of Methodism is the Cause of God — He will maintain his own Cause.



Our preachers are well, & doing well. The Lord still favours  
 the Church in this City with his presence & blessing.  
 Whenever it is convenient, I will be highly gratified in hearing  
 from you. O that the power & presence of the God of Israel may  
 rest upon & abide with you.  
 From your unworthy Brother Charles Holladay.



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Dear James D. Sturges,

Yonkers,

Dec.

Recd 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

Dec. 1835  
 C. Holladay.  
 New York