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Letter from Squire Gray Eyes to James B. Finley

Squire Gray Eyes

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Upper Sandusky May 20th 1845

Rev. J. B. Finley

Dear Brother

Though the goodness of God. I am yet spared among the living, and have this privilege of addressing my cherished friend. The incidents of our early acquaintance has been such as to render our attachment strong, and I am sure you will be glad to hear from me. Since I last wrote to you the Lord has been gracious to us. The cause of religion has prospered more abundantly than years heretofore. Between 50 and 60 have been added to the church during the winter and spring. My soul feels encouraged. The prospect is decidedly favorable. My own feeble exertions have been frequently seconded with power from on high. The Lord encourages and blesses me as in former days. He is the same God and although ^{my} bodily strength is declining, I feel as much as ever determined to spend my life upon the watch tower of Zion; in striving to do good to my people. The Lord

Upper Sandusky Co. June 1st 1845

Rev. J. B. Finley
German town

Ohio

Received
J. B. Finley

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I remain your friend and brother
In Christ

Squire Gray Esq

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