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Zanesville O. Nov 18th 1846

Dear Bro Finley

Enclosed you will receive two
Deeds belonging to you. They were handed to me by
Bro J. C. Howard with the request that I would trans-
mit them to you. He wished me to say that the
Officers fees were paid by him. He however charges -
you nothing & hopes you will receive it as a small
token of his regard for you.

And now, Bro Finley how do you do? How are you
prospering in your new field. From all that I hear I
suppose you are doing well, very well. No small
evidence that Providence has had much to do in
placing you where you are. Your long experience -
your habits of observation, your extensive acquaintance
and your deep knowledge of the human heart in all
its phases and your zeal in the cause of our divine
Master fit you in a peculiar manner for the religious
Instructor of those unfortunate men who have fallen
under the bann of the Law. I have no doubt much
may be done, perhaps more than the most sanguine
anticipate, to restore those lost ones to society and -
bring them to the knowledge of the Saviour. For he -
who died for all will not cast away the penitent
Convict who seeks his mercy. I hope dear Brother the
Lord will give you success and abundantly en-
courage your heart. and while your latter years are -
Cheered with the prospect of coming glory so may they be
crowned with greater usefulness & success.

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We are moving on in Gainesville pretty much after the old fashion, I do not think there is any prospect of a revival in either Charge. We have infinite trouble in getting our folks (at least many of them) to class & prayer meeting. Our first Quarterly Meeting was held on the 24 & 25 ult. we had a comfortable meeting but nothing special. The same may be said of the meeting at 7th Street.

The people seem generally pleased with bro. Jameson. He is quite an excellent preacher and I think much devoted to God. I earnestly hope the spiritual famine so long prevailing here will come to a speedy end. and the work of the Lord revive in the old fashioned way. I rejoice to think that the cause is God's, who is able to carry it forward, despite the opposition of men & devils. May he arise and plead his own cause, till the earth shall be filled with his knowledge, and every heart with his love. Pray for me that I may be wholly devoted to the Lord - And may the peace of God be with thy spirit. Amen.

Yours. Affectionately Geo. C. Coward
Rev J. B. Finley

Please write,