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P.S. You request me to send The 6. Advocate and Journal
Thomas Brown Esq. but you did not mention the Post
Office, but I presume it is Dayton, as you say he will
pay Bro. Raper I will therefore have it sent to Dayton at
a venture, as Raper is there.
A. Miller

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Adam
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Rev. J B Finley
Chaplain to States Prison

Columbus Ohio

New York Dec. 17th 1847

My Dear Bro. Finley:

I received Your letter
today, Truly welcome, Thrice welcome, Thank
You for the money, and Thank You for the deep
intrust you continue to feel for the German work
Soon after I received your letter Bro. Schwartz
called at my house, and with him two other
of our German Missionaries. I translated to them
the contents of your letter, and told them how
you had labored forⁱⁿ the cause of Indian Miss-
ions, and how you now felt interested
for the Germans, and told them that we
must all do our best in the German Mission
as much was expected of us, and a great
responsibility rested upon us. I asked Bro.
Schwartz (for whose support you gave the donation)
What shall I say in return to our old friend
for having so kindly remembered us. and he
replied as follows "Tell him, that I expect to
spend all my time, and offer up all I have
in the cause of Christ, I was converted from
Roman Catholicism, and am thankful that I was
brought from darkness to light" &c &c
I now tell You that this is one of the most

Interesting Young man I ever met with. He has a fine Education, as he was intended for a Catholic Priest. He reads Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French, English and German, and is soundly converted, and is one of Nature's Orators, and I think I never heard a man of his age English or German that could preach like he can ~~for his age~~. He promises much to the Church, and if all my old friends in Ohio were to do as you have done it would afford us a great relief.

We are all well, I have enjoyed very good health since I am in the East. There has been some talk of my going west again, which I would like very much, But the Germans here are determined not to let me go if they can help it, and talk of petitioning the Bishop to leave me here, this of course I have discouraged, Yet they say they are determined to make the effort to keep me if possible and they appear quite confident of success. I have concluded to let matters take their course and do the best I can, wherever my lot may be cast in the order of God's Providence, and by the Authority of the Church. But I assure you I would be glad to see my friends in Ohio again

+ Those who have not been in N.Y. can scarcely form an idea of the suffering among the poor here in the winter, and in fact the whole year round.

and if no preventing Providence I expect to be in Ohio next spring on some business, and I hope to see you in Pittsburgh in May and pass out.

We are prospering in the German Mission here now, a number have lately been converted, and our prospects are increasing.

I received a letter from Bro. Vast lately, in which he asked me if I would be willing to travel as an agent for the German publishing fund if the General Conference would favor such an appointment, I replied to him that I was willing to work any where, where the church directed, and the longer I am engaged in the German work the more I see its great importance. The field is large, and white unto harvest.

I have lately written a book which will soon be published as a Sunday School volume. I have been a hard student since I left Ohio. And by being able to give Medical advice, and performing Surgical operations among the poor I get access to a great many families, both Catholics and Protestants, from which I would otherwise be shut out. Many of the poor are fearful I will leave the city next spring, and one young woman whom I cured of Quinsy twice said a short time ago that she would cry more when I went away than when she left her mother in Germany.*

I would be glad to hear from you any time
My love to you and yours, and all
the friends

Yours affectionately
Adam Miller