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Milford
June 2

"Mizpah" Ser. XXXI. 49.

Rev. James B. Finley
Columbus,
Ohio.

Recd of Mr. May
June 1846
Columbus June 23

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Milford, Clermont Co. O June 2nd - 1846.

Dear Bro. Finley.

A variety of things have combined to cause a delay on my part, in answering your kind letter dated Third Story of the Ohio Prison house. I hope that you will realize all that you expect, and much more, in respect to the reformation of your hearers; yet I confess that my faith is not very strong. But if the thing can be done, I believe you can do it, I think without doubt, that you can do more there than any man I have knowledge of. I am satisfied that it would not suit me, or more properly I would not suit it. I have been trying to do something in the way of Books. We had the subject up in the Book room, and I thought they would do something. I suppose however, you have heard from them before this time.

I have completed my third round on the Dis. and things are still moving in Kentucky, as you will see from my account of the District as given in the W. C. Advocate. Well they have Slavery in the Episcopacy now with a vengeance. These new Bishops may drive 200 human souls to market, and then lay their H. C. Y. hands on the heads of their Brethren thereby qualifying them for the same work.

The Lord save the world from such a hellish thing. They had some difficulty to keep of an entire respect of all on the subject of Slavery. The leaders, at the board. But the world sees that they had a will to do it, and that they will do it in future. This will affect them nearly as bad as if they had done it, for their hands has been seen. Well come home without office, having resigned the Secretaryship. I suppose that he was afraid to trust his Bantling, the Sauls Chapel, to any other paternity, as he is the true father: the true Simon pure.

I see you are in a fair way to get off to London, this I should like well, if it were not for Twenty things that I could name. 1st I cannot see what is to be effected for the Church in this Country. The other ~~odox~~ branches of the Church are as much united as they ought to be. 2nd There are wars, and rumors of wars, and should you go to England and be kept there a few years, it would not be so pleasant. 3rd Who would take your place in the Prison? 4th I don't want you to be absent from our next annual Conference.

A man asked me the other day, if I thought Mr. Finley would be a suitable Delegate, I answered, that in my opinion he would not only be a suitable representative in the Worlds Convention, but in a Convention of the World. Said I, he would go with his gray shag belled coat, and with his collar open, he should stand on his legs as straight as gate posts, he would show as fine a face, and as good a set of teeth, as any man ever saw, and raising his marble fist, he would tell them of the back woods, in true American style. The answer was I wish he would go.

I have engaged a man to have that work done at Augusta by the time I go back to that City. we will have a good stone wall. Bro. Weldon of Augusta has engaged to have it done, he is a man of energy. Our next quarterly meeting is in Mayville on the 8 & 9 of August. If you will get in the stage, and come over, we will pay all expense. In the name of the Lord come if you can. We are all well, and join in love to you. My love to Bro. Moody. write soon

H.
Rev J. B. Finley S. S. C. O. P. 7-

Affectionately
Ch. Maylay