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Letter from B.W. Chidlaw to James B. Finley

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Rev J B Finley
Chaplain O.S.P.

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Rev, J B. Finley.

Dear Bro,

I learn with great pleasure, of your toil and usefulness, in the chaplainship of the State Prison.

I feel that great results may be secured under the divine blessing on your arduous labour. May the Lord sustain you in soul and body, and make you more useful in winning souls to Christ than when I used to hear you in the Scioto Valley twenty years ago, when a boy, and yours the vigour of manhood.

I thank God that you have a Sabbath school in the Prison and that so much is done for religious reading for the convicts.

Will you accept of a library of 100 Vols. of the excellent books of the Am S. S. Union. I think its introduction would do good and afford you increased facilities to carry out your plans of benevolent labour.

If you think such a gift desirable
please send me word, and I will
leave the books at the Methodist
Book Rooms, or, elsewhere, as
you may direct.

A few words about
your Prison S.S. - its number of pupils
and teachers - usefulness - and the
utility of religious and moral reading
among the convicts will be highly
appreciated.

May the Lord help you
and grant you a rich harvest of
souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
Richly laden with the experience
of divine grace in your own soul
may your days of usefulness run
on till the Master shall call you
to his throne.

Please let me hear
from you soon.

W. W. Chidlaw
bles
Ham. Co. Ohio

Rev. B. Findlay

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I have written you
in the hope that you
will find it of some
use. I feel that great
advantage will be
secured by your
labors. May the Lord
bless you in every
step of your journey
and grant you a rich
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