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## Letter from Jonathan Lyon to James B. Finley

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Middle Village April 28<sup>th</sup> 1847.  
Rev. Dr. B. Finley,  
my dear Bro, - your favour  
of the 26<sup>th</sup> March reach'd me 2 days since, our Post<sup>office</sup>  
having been badly managed, is the reason.

I thank you my beloved, for  
your kind attentions to my poor unfortunate Son,  
& for your Attention & Sympathy to us, the Sorrowers.  
Oh how soothing is Sympathy! Especially the tender  
Sympathetic Love of Jesus, takes off part of the  
Burden. but for Jesus, what should we do,  
He is the Centre of union, the source of blessing,  
the joy of Angels, - Bro, cannot you persuade  
my dear Son to embrace Christ to receive this  
Jesus, who has done so much for his poor aged  
Father & mother, & who we expect are long to go  
& see, Oh that he would embrace Christ, & let us  
see him once more ere we die, but should we  
not, should this be denied us, we submit to God,  
we will still proceed on our way to our final  
resting place, continuing to humbly employ  
Infinite mercy to save our dear Prodigal Son  
yes we will, through God's promise, Pray till we die,  
yes with pray & Tears, we will continue to assail

Recd  
of Mrs. M. J. Finley  
New York -  
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Rev. Dr. B. Finley  
Columbia Ohio  
Chaplain of the Penitentiary -  
Cincinnati

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that Precious Throne of Grace, sprinkled  
with Covenant & anointed by Him  
who is touch'd with the feelings of our  
Inspirations, (oh how tender) - Bro, you will  
still help us, won't you! - ask my dear John,  
if he won't help me to & his dear aged mother,  
to sing Simons song ere we die, "now test  
thou thy servant depart in Peace &c" - excuse  
me Bro - I have been undesignedly impell'd forward  
merely looking at the Object, forgive my Perplexity, &c  
try to do better, - yes Bro, I intend to try to do better  
every day, as long as I live, this I inculcate on others,  
I still through every, enjoy the inclination  
privilege, Honour & Pleasure of Preaching  
the glorious Gospel of Christ, to Perishing Sinners,  
I Preach'd, last Sab, to a very large, attentive audience  
in Bedford St. Church in N. York, with much free-  
dom & I trust not in vain, in the afternoon at  
Williamsbury visit N. York. The Lord was with us.  
I hope through Grace, to Publish this precious Gospel  
to my latest breath, Old fashioned Western Methodism  
forever, I have tried it from from my youth, yes  
at 12 years of age my worthless name was put on  
the Clasp paper, oh that I had been faithful to God.  
Glory be to God, he was ever graciously pleased to  
raise up John Wesley, Oh Bro, keep the Brethren  
to the old tract, stick to the Closet & the Clasp

no modern Improvement can better this, the  
God, Class meetings are the sinners of our  
age, this & we are Shorn Sampsons, (not that  
God has a people in other branches of the Christian Church)  
but we are to mind the same things & walk  
by the same rule, as taught by Wesley, we are spe-  
cially to be a peculiar People, & if true & faithful  
in the ministry & membership, God will  
eventually fill the world with the great  
& good & holy Doctrine, amen even  
So Lord Jesus your Bro in Christ  
P.S. Jonathan Ayers

Just allow to say, as I understand, if I write  
to Bro, the letter must pass the inspection of the warden,  
please suffer me to speak through you my Bro,

further, will you please inform me in  
your next, (please write me on the reception of this) &  
the bulk of the Terms of Bro's Impres-  
& all the particulars you think would interest  
us, & if Bro, is permitted to write, that he will  
do so soon, direct to be left at Dr. J. W. Henrys  
no 83 Cliff St N. York - excuse the poor  
writing of my crippled hand, J. P. & Blunders