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Columbus, Nov. 28. 1848.

Dear Mr Finley, I feel that I owe you an apology. The first Sabbath of my engagement for you at the prison I filled according to my ability. The second I found was according to an arrangement at Northampton my day there. They were depending upon me and sent down a carriage to take me up. Under the circumstances I felt it my duty to go, in case I could get a supply for the prison. I accordingly engaged Bro Wembough. About the middle of last week I started off suddenly for Delaware to spend "Thanksgiving-day" with my family, and did not return until Monday. In my hurry I forgot the prison - or my engagement there, until it was too late to attend to it. I understand they obtained a supply, but no thanks to me. I believe I am not chargeable with often forgetting my engagements or neglecting them. Certainly this time I am in fault - all I can do is to confess it, promise to be more careful in future, and throw myself upon your kind indulgence.

God bless you abundantly in your own soul, and in your labors.

Affectionately yours

A. A. A. A. A.

Wm J. Menck
Dec 1888