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Letter from Uriah Heath to James B. Finley

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Marionetta Ohio June

Honored and Dear Father in the Gospel

On this evening One week since,

I received your truly kind letter. For the earnest wishes, for the happiness of myself and family, expressed by you, I am thankful; and in return I could reply in the language of Fletcher, "I could wish you all the Bank of England, and all the Gospel of Christ;" but the first is not mine to give, and the second you already have." But though I might be depressed with the thought, that if you wanted funds, I could not to any extent give you aid, yet when I hear, that it is labour in the way of soliciting "books for your poor prisoners," which you want, then I reply, that I have laboured pretty hard, (for me to labour) since the receipt of your request, and now write in the midst of books, pamphlets and tracts &c. I have now about Three hundred and forty volumes of books, Three hundred and thirty eight pamphlets, and Four thousand and Eighty five pages of tracts, which I expect to forward by way of Janesville, the first opportunity. I will mail you a bill in a few days - so soon as I can find time to draw one. I have taken more pamphlets than was desirable to myself, or than will probably be desirable to you, but as they were presented in kindness, I could not reject them. There are five volumes of "Youngs works," sent by Hon Isaac Humphrey, as an expression of his regard for you; in being willing to engage so efficiently in so good a work. Some are very valuable works, and some are worn and old, but we hope they will all be acceptable. Please present my Christian regards to Bro Dewey and to Bro Moody - Spencer, and any of our dear brethren of the City. Our family health is good. The Lord still bless your labours. Yours &c
Rev James B Finley
Unah Heath