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Letter from Ann Chubb to James B. Finley

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Philadelphia Jan 20th 1826

Rev James B Finley

Respected & Dear Brother, in Christ,

In behalf of our female missionary society, we address you by letter, - Your welcome letter of Nov 18th came to hand in very good time, we received it on the day of our annual meeting, and although our report had been previously ~~received~~ ^{prepared}, your letter seemed to form a second to all the exercises of the meeting, we received it with joy, and gratitude, and it was read, and heard with deep interest. The friends of Zion and of missions rejoiced to hear that the God of Israel was still with you in the wilderness, imparting comfort and peace to your soul, and the Saul of your companions, and crowning your labors with success in the salvation of the souls of our red brethren of the wood - O may the God of our missionaries, and the God whom you serve, give you to see the desire of your soul among them, -

While hearing your letter at our annual meeting, we fancied we were standing not far distant from your place of worship listening to the cry of Indian mourners, and the shouts of the pious, and we felt to join in the general cry, Lord give you a general revival, and make the wilderness resound with praise to our God - O Brother, be not discouraged in the glorious work - we forget you not in our prayers, but hope you may see the wilderness blossom as the rose - and the desert, and solitary places made glad, while the song of salvation shall be heard throughout your charge, and the surrounding tribes catch the

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Rev James B. Finley
Wendott Mission House
Upper Sandusky
Ohio

Wm Wendott
Jan 20

Spreading flame & joy in the general joy -

We still feel deeply interested for your welfare, and prosperity, and are trying to augment our funds by saluting aid, and by endeavoring to increase our numbers - Our Society is in a prosperous state, and we feel a pleasure in stating that about fifty new members have been added during the past year - and we think an increasing interest for the Missionary cause is prevailing, and spreading among us. - we are very sensibly affected with the sacrifices you have made, and the deprivations you undergo - as well as the sufferings, and labours you are called to endure for the sake of Christ, and his cause. And we regret that we can do so little to aid you in the glorious work of activating

our ~~own~~ ^{our} Immanuel's ground among the natives, - but we hope dear brother, you will accept and unite as a token of good will, and as an earnest of our future exertions, to hold up your hands in the blessed work of saving souls -

No doubt many with whom you labor will rise in the Judgment of the great day, as stars to deck your crown - and as seals of your ministry among the natives, And though you go out weeping bearing precious seed, yet may you return rejoicing, with an abundant harvest of souls prepared, and fitted for our heavenly father's garner. -

We have sent on a box containing the following articles Marked Rev James B Finley, and directed to Messrs. Duncan, and Forsythe Pittsburgh - the freight of the box is paid

to Pittsburgh, we wish you to write to Mr. Duncan and Forsythe - and inform them where, and how to send the box to you - as we were ignorant of the mode of conveyance, and the place it should be sent to beyond Pittsburgh - The box contains the following

Articles - (Listed) 14 1/2 pair of faint Blankets

Dear Brother, it is the wish of the Society that one or more of the peace natives write a letter of a portion of a letter in their languages, and that you give us the interpretation in English -

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| 5 1/2 | pair of - | Do - |
| 20 | pair of - | Leggins |
| 2 | pair of - | Black worsted hose |
| 11 | pair of - | Hymnbooks - |
| 5 | pair of - | Throats - |
| 2 | pair of - | Grass of Buttons |

Tracts knitting needles and - Thimbles &c -

The above articles you will please receive from our front Society, as a token of respect for you, and of your people - and as a small expression of our love to the work in which you are engaged. -

We have had a gracious work in this City since the last Conference - Several hundreds have professed Religion - and joined our Church - The members of our F. M. Society join in love to you, and Sister Finley - And hope you will tender our love to our Indian friends under your care - - We shall be happy to hear from you as soon as may be convenient. And especially before our next Annual meeting - - we remain yours in the bonds of

Christian fellowship and love
Signed in behalf of the Society John Chubb. Secy.
Rev. James B. Finley E. G. McMain