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~~Pleasant~~ Brooklyn Green Sep 3^d 1848.

Brother Finley,

It was with unfeigned pleasure that I read, in the W.C. Advocate, a letter from you accompanied by another from your old friend Squin Gogry of the Wendot Nation. The action of these Indians must have a powerful influence on the great question now before the Church. One question immediately presented its self to my mind, namely, Will the "institution" known as the "Manual Labour School", together with all the property thereto belonging, return to the M.E. Church? This is a question of some importance. When I visited these missions, as one of a committee from the Missions Conference, we were instructed to estimate the value of all the property belonging to the Church, in these missions, and report the same to the Conference. We did so; and the whole was estimated at \$1.000 dollars, a very large proportion of which was at the "Institution". Now the question is, will the property return with the people? The "Institution" is located in the bounds of the Shawnee nation but was intended as a great central school, where the boys were taught Husbandry and the Mechanic arts and the girls the various branches of housewifery, as well as the common branches of an English education. I would be glad to receive information on this subject.

The Southern Missionaries must feel much mortified at the action of the people.

I will only add, we are closing up the affairs of the district presently, and our finances are in general coming out well. With one exception, I think the Preachers will get their full claim.

If you have time, please write me your opinion on above subject; If not come over to Newark the week before Conference, and attend the dedication of our new house in Newark the Sabbath preceding Conference. Bp Hamlin is to preach the sermon.

Yours affectionately

Rev. S. B. Finley

J. W. Gammon