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Rev. James B. Finley
German town Ohio



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Hamburg
Prussia

Vienna Sept 14 / 44

My dear bro Finley;

I promised to write to you before now, but if you knew the work that has pressed upon me you would freely forgive me. I can only now write (circumlocutione) a few words, to assure you of my warmest regards, and to let you know that Genl Conference action has quieted every thing in the form of abolition excitement in the M.E.C. in these Northern regions. There all was strife and bitterness and "war to the knife" but a little while ago, not a leaf stirs. Abolitionists are as calm and loving to their brethren as can be conceived, & say that if the Ch maintains its ground they have done with the subject forever. When I see you I can say more, & give details, but at present I would remark, that with all the peculiarities of Methodism here, the spirit of the thing is not lost and it is the only hope of the land. It is rising & will rise. Many holy men are in the ministry who connect, as much as we do, their peccs choirs & fiddles, and are laboring night & day to reform & preserve. God will do a great

work by the instrumentality of the
N.E. & N.Y. Methodists. The Scotites are
"biting the file," and feed as well as they
can in that way. There is the most
perfect opposition between them &
the Methodists, & thousands who were
with them in their abolition move-
ments, have gone away in the
other direction. I believe this General
Conference is forever delivered from
from this delusion.

I must close by presenting
with Mr Hamlin, the assurance
of my best Christian regards to
yourself & sister Finley whose health
is, I trust, improved.

In haste

L L Hamlin

NB My health is very poor
but I have enjoyed much
of the divine blessing & favor.
Thanks be to God!