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Madison Aug. 4. 1845.

My Dear Bro. Finley,

(57)
This note will be handed you by our good Friend Mr. H. Taylor Esq. with whom I hope you will find time to form an acquaintance, as he is a good Worthern Methodist. I regret that I cannot attend your Conf. once more, but I am now in the pressure of my last round, and part of my Quarterly Meetings, are Camp Meetings, and I have no time to spare. Our Conf. is the 8th Oct. and I can assure you that we should be very glad to see your chiefship with us on that occasion, and Aunt Hannah too. Well the Southern leaders seem to be very attentive to you, and pay lots of passing Compliments!! and their "Man Friday" seems to have a right good will to help them, and now that he is rewarded for his devotion by the 50th title of S. M. & (I suppose) I suppose that he will redouble his diligence, and in due time the great Harry will have him dubbed D.D. and then he will be a great man—very! Well Bro. Finley, you can console yourself with the reflection, that you have done what you could to sustain our long cherished institutions, and altho' you may be cursed by "Bell book & candle," by the ~~Abolitionists~~ Ultraists north & south, yet

the great body of conservative Methodism will bless you for your firmness, and love you for your unflinching devotion to her Meal. Our last Meeting of the book committee was one of great feeling, and I suppose that you will hear of the course of your delegates. I would beseech you Bro. Finley to elect men ~~to~~ to that committee, whom you know to be decidedly in favor of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Not South! Nor yet milk & water—We have offered "Olive branches," enough, & I for one have made my last bow to the Southern Moloch!

May God be with you in your season, sustain you in your painful persecutions and keep your mind calm & soul happy in the midst of all, and cause your setting sun to be cloudless, and I may we renew our fellowship in the Kingdom of glory! Amen. I learn that our dear old friend Collins is gone to his long sought rest. Well he was (in my estimation) one of the great men of his day, but he is gone & we shall soon follow.

I am in love

as ever yours

Rev. J. B. Finley

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Rev. James O. Duley, D.D.

Cincinnati

Ohio

Rev. A. A. Taylor

1845

Conference
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New Orleans, La.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held at New Orleans, La., on the 1st of September next. I am glad to hear that you are so anxious to see the cause of the South represented in the Conference, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have no objection to your attending the Conference, and I am sure that you will find it a profitable and interesting one. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith