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## Letter from J.W. Stone to James B. Finley

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Newark Aug 13. 1846

My Dear Bro Finley

Your kind favour was received on yesterday, and I now embrace the opportunity which presents itself of answering it.

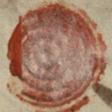
In compliance with your request, I called on Mr. Beckwith, and named to him the matter about which you write, he says if you will send the note to him, which you hold against him, he will be ~~able~~ <sup>will</sup> redeem it sometime during the next week. I hope you will send it as early in the week as possible that he may have some day ~~to~~ <sup>in which</sup> to make his arrangements.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of August I expect to take my family to Gambier, when they will remain 'till after Conference. On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September I expect to start for Piqua in company with Bro G. McFadden of Rushville and Mother Hazlett, who intend visiting Dr. Thomas Hazlett, who for some 12 or more months past has been living in Piqua. I suppose we shall be unable to reach Conference ~~before~~ <sup>before</sup> than Wednesday evening.

Bro Finley, I feel like upbraiding myself for not writing to you some weeks <sup>ago</sup> and meeting or you visiting us before Conference, I certainly should have done so, but for the good I perceive that you expected to visit us. Now I am ~~forced~~ <sup>forced</sup> to excuse you, as the weather has been unusually warm, and your engagements are such, that your services are much needed at home, but at the same time I must say, if you but knew how anxious we are to see

I intend to have them pay the balance of your quarterly

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Bro James D. Finley  
Columbus  
Ohio

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you, you most assuredly would make some effort to visit us. Should we be sent within a day ride of Columbus. We will expect you to visit us without, doubt, or fear in regard to it. Should your life and health be ~~endangered~~, when you left us we could have felt but little work in being bereaved of a relative. I felt that there was something out of place, and thought Bro Gyron whom I much esteem ~~to be~~ ~~of~~ visited us, and made our house his home during his stay in Newark, still our old and welcome visitor was not here; his place was vacant.

Bro Gyron preached us two interesting, instructive, and profitable sermons; the people were pleased, and so was I.

There is nothing special about which to write. The Church moves on about as usual. Our congregations are large and attentive, and at times there is considerable feeling. The classes are pretty well attended, and some of the members are (I think) growing in grace.

In a few days more I shall leave the dear people of Newark, and when I think of it feel sad. I could have parted with my charge a year ago, with less reluctance than I can at present; I have become more strongly attached to the people, and they to me. I have been told, that should there be no other plea for me, the people here are willing to secure my poor services for another year, this is better than to have them pray for

my removal, This morning I met with a misfortune. I called on a dentist, for the purpose of having my teeth played, while preparing in the filling, his instrument slipped and ~~cutting~~ <sup>coming in contact with</sup> my cheek, & injured it. It is with difficulty that I can eat or speak. Your old friends are anxious to see you, and hear you preach, but none more so than myself and family. Minny is well and sends her love to "Pado". Charles Finley is a "cliff" he is as mischievous as he can well be, and as good as ever, no trouble in managing him. He amuses himself by calling his pig, whistling, throwing little stones, pulling his horse about the house, besides a variety of other things. "Thirdly" (as it is called) is a prominent proposition in the subject. a better little dear never lived.

I should have enjoyed a squirrel hunt with you, as you were so successful. Lewis Cox came up some time since, and Bro. Wilson, Evans, & Blanchard, Cox and myself went out, and killed 53 squirrels; the day was very hot.

Love tenders her love to you, and would take your advice in regard to our appointment, "The Lord do with us, what seemeth him good." In great haste

I remain dear Brother  
Yours as ever

I. W. Stone

Rev. L. B. Finley

N.B. Please write as soon as this comes to hand. Mary Lane tenders her love to you.