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New York Feb. 2, 53.

Rev. J. B. Finley.

Dear Brother-

Your favor of January 3, per Brother Bradstreet, was duly and thankfully received.

It was a great satisfaction to hear from you, to learn of your health and prosperity.

I trust you will succeed in paying for your church lot and also in building a new church. That will do good after you are gone to your reward on high.

There is no blessing like that of the religion of Jesus Christ and no privilege like that of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. The one is better than "Angel's food" and the ^{other} excels Angel's employment.

I love to preach. O! It is a luxury to preach Christ crucified. I don't see how ministers can wish to preach any thing else. Nothing is ^{so} sublime, so beautiful, so sweet as Christ and his cross. The Saviour's charms are sufficient to fascinate a universe. The theme of his redemption is sufficient to awaken in every human soul raptures that will increase in intensity to the latest periods of eternity. O! what a privilege to echo, and reecho, the glad tidings of Bethlehem. Will Br. Finley, by the help of God, we will make them reverberate in the ears of saints and sinners as long as God permits. O! I hope we shall both die shouting -

"Behold, behold, the Lamb."

My health is poor. I am confined to my house. I hope to be better soon if it is the good pleasure of my Heavenly Father. His will is always good. My family are pretty well this winter. Mr. James joins me in Christian salutations to your family and yourself. I hope you will remember me to Br. Brooke when you see him and to his family.

The churches in the East are generally peaceful and some of them prosperous. I trust we shall soon see a more abundant and a more general out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

Always glad to hear from you -
Wishing you and yours all blessings,
I remain your affectionate brother
in Christ-Jesus,
C. S. Jones.