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Letter from William B. Christie to James B. Finley

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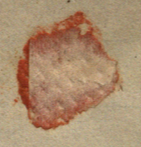
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Rev. Mr. Finley
Fairfield
Ohio

Per Bro. Conroy

W. B. Lewis to
Finley



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Bro. Finley

On yesterday I was thinking it was strange that all intercourse between you and I was, and had for a long time been broken up and we were as though we had never been associated or united together - Now I do not know why this is so, or why it should continue to be so. I thought then I would write to you and at least show a disposition to take one step towards a return - I do not know that there has been any alienation of affection between us - though I have sometimes thought your feelings were somewhat estranged - but this I have dismissed as probably only suspicion and temptation. I can only say for myself, though in the course of life, every thing has ^{not} been true as I could have desired, I have always cherished for you a strong affection - and have always felt under deep obligation for the many kindnesses you showed me in my early ministerial life - Often have I looked back to those days when we were associated together in labors - and you exercised towards me a father's part - If we live without any intercourse, as though we were strangers, the fault shall not be mine - So to day Bro. Conroy called at my house and said he was going to your Dry meeting next Saturday - and by him I send this scrawl -

My health is feeble and has been during the winter - yet I have filled most of my appointments - The general character of the Society here you know - The state of religious feeling is low - and in some respects the state of things

unpleasant - My labours here seem to make
very little impression -

I am glad to hear that you have
in most places on your visit, the spring tides of pers-
-pacity - To be with you in some of your revivals,
to me, would be very pleasant - And I still think
if I am spared and have health, I will steal over
to some of your Dr. M. in the neighbourhood

Bro. G's house is at the door and I
must close - Ann and the children are well
Write soon - Our love to Sister S. and
all the family

Thos. B. Finley

of affectionately
W. B. Christie