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Letter from William Foulke to James B. Finley

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Columbus Ohio

Dr Zach^{ly} Hampton

William Foulke
Cincinnati
Oct. 1848

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Pennsville Ohio ^{Sept} 23rd 1848

To the Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary

Est^d Friend having learned from the annual report of the Officers of your house of Correction that some tracts, Moral and religious, Books, &c were acceptable to you for^{the} use of the prisoners, with a view to their improvement in morals & as a means of awakening in them a sense of religious obligation - We have concluded to forward a small donation hoping they may likewise be acceptable -

These are from "Pennsville Auxiliary tract association of Friends" - which is a branch of "the tract association of Friends" of Phil^a

Under a sense of the truth of the declaration that "God is no respecter of persons" we have felt desirous to throw in our mite towards the improvement of those poor creatures though convicted of crime - whose souls are as precious in the Divine sight as the rest of mankind & who may even as did the thief on the cross receive forgiveness at the last hour -

Please say to us at some suitable time whether this little donation is acceptable to thee as Chaplain & whether the tracts &c are received & read by the prisoners -

With desires for the welfare of thy charge in the best things I subscribe myself thy Friend &c
William Foulke
Clerk of the board of Managers of P. I. A. S.