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## Letter from Jacky M. Bradley to James B. Finley

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My Dear Cousin James

I have delayed long  
in hopes of hearing from you but in pain for  
you have kept a long silence and may perhaps  
still protract it if you write to get any  
important epistle from me as I have but  
little of importance to communicate at this  
time except there is important work com-  
mitted to my care which makes it important  
that I should go to it in the name of the Lord  
and serve it only through the strength of his grace  
my Sat has come out this year for further  
-fordton Circuit Lincoln Dist. in N.C. and  
I have a young man with me of the name of Long.  
Our Conference was all peace and harmony &  
it is to hold its next session in Charleston S.C.  
our past year has been one of decrease to a  
large amount though I cannot now say how  
much. The disbarance in Charleston which has  
been cited so extensively by the Reformers was  
submitted to an able Com. by who have re-  
ported and their report will appear in pamphlet  
form in a little time this report I hope will  
be the last that will have to go to the press  
on that subject on the part of the old field  
Methodist. Dr. Casper is stationed in Colum-  
bia with a view of his becoming the Presi-  
dent of Columbia College that it may rise  
from that depth in to which it has sunk by  
Infidel influence. This is just where I think he  
ought to be and where he may be very useful

The health of my Companion is not good She has had  
a late attack of the influenza and she is hardly able  
to be up as yet though she is mending so fast as to  
lead me to believe we can take the road in a  
few days for our journey. James Finley is quite  
lively and can talk a little though he has had  
an attack of worms or something of that sort ab-  
solutely that has reduced him considerably.  
As to the power of Gallinosis in my own Soul I  
cannot claim as great a portion as I have in time  
past done, that is I do not feel so constantly under  
its influence though I feel as much as ever under  
the influence of a just determination to spend  
and be spent in the work of the Kingdom at  
least till the hand of my Heavenly Father  
stop up my way. Then I must submit to it  
should such a time come.

I suppose I may infer from your not visiting the  
South the winter that your health has im-  
proved as that was to be the determining point  
in your course. As to my own health it is but tol-  
erable and gets no better. I have to labour under the  
Dyspepsia and of ten suffer much from that  
source. But the suffering of this present life  
are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall  
be revealed. So then I try to kiss the rod and  
under the hand that has appointed it, give my soul to  
Cousin Hannah and all your family to the second  
generation write to me to Parkerford town N.H.  
and pray for me at all times. Yours in gospel  
bonds unto death. J. Finley

Rev. J. Finley

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