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Letter from John P. Finley to James B. Finley

John P. Finley

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Piqua August 29th 1821

My dear James

Through the indisposition of my family I was prevented attending the District Conference. I forwarded all your papers and hope that you received them in due season. I want you to send us a Boanerges the ensuing year. And who will pass over Jordan, break down Babel, blunder over the Alps, go through the Straits of Gibraltar and Charybdis, quench the violence of fire, raise the dead, put to flight the armies of the aliens, defeat the devil, triumph over darkness, work by the plumb and square, bring forth judgment unto victory, and spread light and truth in every direction. Leray will do very well if you can send him back again, but I suppose that many would want and of ~~some~~ teachers to be married, I need not tell your honor our situation, for you know it to be a desperate one. We have not been able to command a congregation either here or at Troy ever since the fall of W^hke. Now do not forget us, Strange and Dubois or Brook and Perben would do very well. Dear James remember that we are shipwrecked and it requires a good workman to repair. I wonder if you will pay any attention to this when you read it. Look at it again, for I am in great earnest. Receive our love yourself and present us to Hannah John Elizabeth and Young James

With unfailing constancy I am yours

Rec^d
James B Finley

Wm^o Finley

Sally is much better and Elizabeth also. I want
you to come and see us

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