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## Letter from Francis Hall to James B. Finley

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New York, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1826

R. W. James B. Finlay

My dear Brother,

Brother Walker intends to leave us to-morrow evening on his return to the Mission, and to his care we have committed two large cases to your address. One is from this city, the other from Philadelphia, and a third, I am this day informed is on the way from Baltimore. I hope it will reach New York in season to ship with the others. If not it shall be sent off immediately on its arrival.

It afforded me much pleasure to hear of the prosperity of the work of the Lord among our Myanmard friends, but I assure you it was with much regret that we learnt that you had left the missionary field. Indeed my wife says she almost feels disengaged, fearing that the work may suffer in consequence, but we must

Rev. James B. Finlay  
and family  
S. S. & Co.  
F. Walker

Francis Hall  
8 York

Trust in the God of Missions, and not in an arm of flesh.

Since you left, I have been absent, into the Country for two Months, whence I have just returned. At present therefore I have little to communicate in regard to the Missionary cause. My next I hope will be more interesting. I have this day received a letter from Brother Reece, who you will recollect was a delegate from the British Conference. He says "At our late conferences we were disappointed by the deputation not coming according to the decision of the General Conference. We will hope they will be with us at our next session. Our Conference was very harmonious, and our finances are in a better state than we expected to have found them, considering the commercial distress which has prevailed so generally on this side the Atlantic. Twenty four brethren have died in the course of the year, all of whom have "done well"; and seventy six have offered themselves to be sent who are accepted. Thirtysix of them for the Foreign missions. Thus the Lord is providing

for an extension of his own Kingdom. I am glad to hear of the prosperity of your Missions among the Indians, the ancient possessors of your soil, and soon to be one of the glories of your country. Remember me to all the preachers with whom I became acquainted in America. Do you see my dear brother that the cause of the Indians is not forgotten by our friends in England.

You will have seen ere this that the Book Concern have established a paper in this city called the "Christian Advocate". It is edited by the late editor of Lions Herald. This paper promises to be of no circulation as it is under the patronage of the General Conference, and I have no doubt will be the means of doing much good.

I beg you will remember us to our Indian Brethren who were with us, and tell them we have reason to hope their visit to us will not be altogether in vain. Mrs Hall and numerous friends join with me in affectionate regards to you

I am my dear brother  
Yours in the Bonds of  
Christian Affection Thomas Hall