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Letter from Elizabeth P. Hutt to James B. Finley

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to have such pleasing news from Piqua of the
 course that has taken place since the class met
 at Fathers & he the leader with thirteen or four
members I can remember those names it makes bust
 in the tears think of these days of my childhood to
 think they are all gone to the Spirit Land & I am
 left by a mourning strangers oh never can I forget
 the home of my youth & the dear ones that make
 up that circle oh no memory of them could only
 close with Death I often think if I had known
 that I was never to have meet them in this world
 how differently I should part with them it is
 best so the future that unseeable point of
 time shut in by a veil through which no mortal
 eye can penetrate it will not do to anticipate
 the future let me trust God with my whole
 soul give my love to Cousin Eliza & dear Aunt &
 Juliet with all of the rest of the family. Oh Juliet
 I would like to receive a letter from her

The family join in much love to you
 My ~~two~~ eldest daughters says Rev. Uncle James
 they love you all though they never saw you
 I am so nervous I must stop writing My dear Uncle
 write after as it is a grate comfort to hear
 from you after
 Yours affectionate Niece
 Elizabeth P. Hunt

James B. Farley

Little Rock Arkansas April the 12th 1853

My dear Uncle

You will be surprised on the receipt
 of this letter dated from this place as we have
 moved back I hope & trust the superintending hand
 of providence is in over me I do assure you that
 I was very tired of the Springs I had not the privilege
 of hearing a sermon once in six months a privilege
 I prize very highly I was discontented & unhappy all
 the time we lived there I never lived a more gloomy
 & wicked a community in my life professed of religion
 dancing playings cards & drinking & yet keep in the
 Church I have found but few honest spirits not one
 associate that knew any thing a bout experimental
 religion. in case there is so much infidelity &
 skepticism in this country it is difficult to pass without
 being perplexed with unbelief My dear Uncle I want you
 to remember me & mine at a throne of grace that
 we may have a home in Heaven, I ask God to give me
 that wisdom that cometh from above that I may in able
 to discharge my duty to my family. I do know that I
 would that I were an Israelite in case in whom there is

quileg I feel a great responsibility resting upon me
as a mother as my husband is not religious
it devolves upon me to set a good example
It is my prayer to God to give me ability to
discharge my duty in all my relations to life

My dear Uncle I owe you an apology for not answering
your letter of December 25th as it was near & we were with
mingled feelings of joy & sorrow I always take a cage
when I get a letter from you to think I am thrown
a mourning stranger that cares nothing for me nor
my family I never lived in a place before but my family
connection was known oh I wished while reading your
letter speaking of James Cheevers visit to your house that
I could have been one of the circle

at the time I received your letter I had come
in house to pay a visit my two eldest daughters was
a going to school as it was vacation I came in to
open the holidays with them it was all bustled & confusion
all the time & part of writing until I would go home
& after I got home we commenced preparing to
move & procrastination has put it off until this time
I hope you will look over it & that it will not be too
late make amends for the part in case it would me
as I had promised to send the money for the repository
immediately I have received it & the Advocate also
the present of books you sent me I think I received
them on the fifth or sixth of this month for which
I feel thankful & they will be a great source of pleasure

To me although it makes me feel melancholy when
looking at your sickness it is so natural yet you
have changed some I have told Mr Hutt after that
our son looks like you as soon as he saw it he
saw the sickness I will inclose three dollars to you
in this letter hoping that it will go safe
as to the money we sent last year Mrs Pope the Postmaster
of this city inclosed a two dollar bill & sent it I hope
there will be no difficulty about it you will please
write & let me know as soon as you get this as I
shall be anxious to hear all about it

The weather is beautiful at this time the trees &
shrubs are in full bloom in a short time the
weather will be very warm here on last Sabbath
I went to hear the Episcopal church as our minister
was gone but returned in time to preach at the
African Church at three I have not witnessed such
a sight for a great while about 20 shouting at one
our minister is a patient & an energetic pious man
I sit & listen to him in breathless silence some times
& think how can people resist such powerful & forcible
practical preaching as he told them a Sunday
night if the church was not so backward with
the minister he might preach his life away & he could
affect no gain the church is in a cold state here
they have not an efficient male member I think there
is a number of fifty members
the Presbytery has been in session for the last few
days I was gratified while reading the last Advocate