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## Letter from Elizabeth Gard to James B. Finley

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March, 29, 1873,

Father, Quincy,

Dear Sir,

I received your kind message a few <sup>days</sup> since from Father, Young, it gave me much pleasure to hear from you, and also to learn that you had not forgotten your Friend E. Gard. It is very certain that you will not be forgotten by myself whilst memory lasts. The few social hours we were permitted to enjoy together in our family and other places, are ever bright in my memory. As you are aware, I have been called to pass through sore <sup>trials</sup> since we last met but I can say, that I was not wholly unprepared to meet them. I felt loth to go to Columbus and knowing that the cholera was expected that year, I anticipated scenes that I was brought to realize in part. But, by the grace of God, I have been sustained. I feel that my faith, and trust, is in him, who is able to do all things well. <sup>hope</sup> If faithful to the grace already given me, We shall ear long be permitted to meet where parting will never come. I have truly reasoned that the Lord is a present help for every day.

and trial. After the Br. death. I removed to the Country  
near my Brothers and there remained for three years  
during that time my Daughter was tending school at the  
Northampton Seminary. This spring a year ago I bought myself  
a pleasant home in Grove Port. where I am now living, and  
enjoying myself reasonable well. My Piece that I raised  
is married and doing very well. My Daughter is at home know  
you may be thinking of her as a little girl. But she is  
a young Lady in size, and almost, as tall as myself, she  
is a member of the church, and I believe a good christian  
although I have but one child I feel a great responsibility  
in regard to her future welfare. Will you aid me by  
your prayers, that I may be enabled to set, right examples  
before her, and by the Grace of God, be enabled to bring  
her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord  
I shall be glad to hear from you whenever it will  
suit your convenience. If you are ever permitted to come  
to Grove Port I presume you will not pass me by.

I hope Father timely, you will excuse this indifferent  
scrawl, and believe me your, unchanging, Friend

Elizabeth Gurd,