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We have upwards of 100 ~~members~~ in this place
 lively many of them & most of them can be depended
 on. I feel an unobated friendship & fellowship & hope
 your health will permit you to take S. D. this fall.
 Martha joins me in love to you & yours my love
 to Mrs Latta. I am your friend
 Augustus Caddy

Washington 27. June 1831

My Dear Finley,

Yours of sometime last month
 was recd. last Sat. four weeks after I should
 have recd. it, but it was no less welcome,
 if it never could have come in a better time
 for I was most miserably hyp. about those
 days, I had health & much wickedness bear
 me down, & o my soul if there is no Heaven
 what a wretched life, what a cheerless prospect
 would ours be. But there is a Heaven, there
 is "a rest for weary Pilgrims found."

I understand that Mr. McQuinn has been puffing
 the radical Q. Meeting held in this place the 4
 & 5th Inst. in this place. I have not seen his
 piece, but I understand he says there was 19
 joined in this place. If 19 joined at the meeting
 it is more than report said before, but it may
 be true, but it must not be understood that
 these were residents of this place. there was but
 two joined there in this place two women, whose

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Rev. James B. Finley

Cincinnati

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 July 11th 1831

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 1831

I don't write to ask
 of my friends to attend
 your G. M. unless you
 could attend mine Aug.
 26. if you will write let
 me know

Husbands had joined them before & some
who joined them lived in Green Co.
They did raise considerable excitement among
the Baptists, Presbyterians, Universalians & drunkards
& other enemies of the Methodist Church, & my
enemies in particular. Drunkards reeling out of
drinking groceries, I understood hurried for
the Road, & cursed the old side, but this is not
the first time we have been the song of the drunkard.
All this happened while we were holding our
3^d Q. M. which was a Campmeeting night Cha-
relstarow. We had a blessed time. The half inch
office hunters in this place, thought it would be
popular if they joined in the hue & cry & you know
a half dozen fists can make a great noise.
I understand Mr. McQuire makes a great blare
about their Meeting house ^{in this place} & if I am rightly
informed, there is an evident design to mislead
the public mind in regard to it. Now the
plain fact is, they did start the subject, & a
subscription paper has been circulated, & I reckon
between 100 & 200 dollars subscribed, but
you must know Sir it was to be a free M. H.

for any body & nobody to occupy, & it is
well known here that the Presbyterians would
have the strongest claims to it.
In reference to a gentleman giving a lot,
I believe he did offer them one & when they
built a good house of worship he would
secure the ground to them & these are his
terms yet. also much is made to tell
abroad from their circumstances of gentleness
offering them a house to put on said lot,
this I believe is also a fact, but it needs
an explanation. The house offered is a log
house, as the Part sing rather "Poor & miserably
old" & he is ready I understand fulfill his promise
provided they pay him for the doors & windows with
their frames, floors &c. a rather serious business
for an old log house which has to be moved. Martha
suggests the thought that the man having lately built a fine
new brick house is anxious to get his old one out of the way &
it is well known here that he has offered it ^{in vain} before ^{no body}
would take him up. How terribly they lie! they have reported
that ^{the} ^{app} whole society has joined them in this place. Now
the truth is there has but four seceded from our society
in this place & the best of them was poor even for a
Humble, a relation to Moses & Leuel of Bankrupt mem-
ory. One of their warmest partisans, ^{& members} in this place, is a
drunkard & a warm Universalian or destructionist.