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P.S. Direct to Saywell Robinson County N.C.
 A few weeks since I spent several days with
 Brother Samuel Coper. he and his family
 were well.

L. B. Beady.

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Dear James B. Finley
 Pigeville N.C.
 Warren County
 Ohio.
 Mail.

James B. Finley
 Pigeville N.C.

Bladen Circuit June the 4th 1833.

Dear Cousin James,

Yours of the 4th of Apr

Came safe to hand and gave me joy to hear
 once more from you though I am sorry to
 learn that your health is in the decline
 as also to hear of Cousin Hannah's mis-
 fortune in getting her wrist dislocated.
 My self & my Dear Susan are favoured
 to enjoy a good health as we have been ac-
 customed to in several years past though
 that has not been up to the highest order
 yet sufficient to enable us to attend to the
 work that Providence has been pleased to
 require of us. The prospects of Religion
 on this Circuit are not so bright as
 they have been at a former period yet
 not so dark as they might be and of
 late I have had some good meetings which
 hope will be the commencement of better
 times. I have been of late at a Conference
 in an adjoining Circuit where the power
 of the Lord was present to heal and many
 were happily born of the Spirit and
 gave glory to God in the highest for his
 unspeakable gift; and some were enabled
 to praise God for sanctification. I believe
 for the ev of persons present there
 was the largest no of converts that
 I ever witnessed be happy 80 or 100.
 were born again while the Congregation

might not have ~~no~~ more than 1000 or 1200
at any one time; to the great head of the Church
be the prayer I am sorry to hear of the
numerous swarms of new school Devinity men
in the fertile lands of Ohio for I believe
that they will prove as fatal to the growth
of heartfelt religion as the ~~plagues~~ were
to the Crops of wheat & barley in Egypt.
This however is what we might calculate
should be the result of the course of these
men who would wrest the work of Cal-
-ing and preparing the ministers of the
gospel from the hands of Christ and
take it on themselves this makes it a charge
borne by humane power and wisdom; and
of course it must be so simply ~~plain~~ and
rendered so tangible that the Human
agent can both comprehend its part in
their abstract state of existence and also
by what means they are to be put to gear
they also have the work of manufactory
-ing the whole of a religious life may be
reduced to a few simple rules and these
rules followed by mere human strength
and skill therefore the New light that is
thrown on the moral world by the Genings
who at this dark period ^{in the night} ~~of the night~~ the greater
part of the Valley of the Mississippi is only a
moral waste has come to the light of the
truth and discovered that "to be born again
is to resolve to do better" and that this can be
done by the common pathway that was found

attached to the Human soul and so complete
in many men power that he can either commit
his own soul & he walks on the ^{road} home or on
his seat before he starts. Your Conclusion
a proof is this "that the carnal mind does not
deserve the things of the spirit because the
are spiritually renewed" there is a flaw in
these New School men and the Cape Pine
Pinner though as yet they are quite
willing to keep their principles hid from
the world for there are not many
who possess sufficient strength of moral
opticks to discover all the refined and ~~clear~~
truths that their system claims to possess
therefore we must wait till our ~~eyes~~
-ers of discovering moral truth
so we prove that we can see that we
have heretofore been blinded before
there shall light will be likely
to effect as much. May the Lord in
great mercy to these men and their Charges
grant that one ray of light from the
Sun of Righteousness may fall on these
Souls and show them all that except a
man is born of the water and the Spirit
he can never enter into the Kingdom of God
give my love and that of my Dear Susan
to all your family and be sure to write
to me and pray for me and my Charge and
may the Lord bless you and your amen.
Rev J. J. Finley.
J. J. Bradley.