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Mary Hollinshead

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Oak Grove Furnace Jan^y 18 1834

Dear Brother For thus it is still my + happy privilege to call you I have taken this opportunity of addressing a few lines to you that you know that we still remember you with the greatest pleasure & that we very much long to hear from you. Our family is well with the exception of myself I have been an invalid these two weeks last past with I am inclined to believe a rheumatic affection of the head I am now getting better I was in the city of Phila between Christmas & New-Year I had a very pleasant visit of about 10 days found our friends well & what is the best of all still struggling to gain the prize Religion does not flourish in Phila as it should do or as one ought reasonably to expect for reasons which are obvious enough to an attentive observer of men & things around them. They are still lively in Kensington & have just finished a very neat church there & the Academy has just undergone a great alteration in its appearance & size since you were there To me it appears rather too fine for a Methodist church but in reality it may not be any too much so for the lovers of good living & good appearance in P. Brother Pitman has the charge of that society & he appears to feel the weight of the charge under his care 800 members belong to that charge In my humble opinion his appointment to that place was a very judicious one I had the pleasure of hearing

Mary &
Abelings Head
1834

For J. H. Williams & Co
Jan^y 16th

For James B. Finley
Cincinnati
Ohio

Am

Brother White I understand there has been a great sifting at
at St Georges since he has been there & I presume not before &
it was needed. He had many difficulties to contend with. He
is a man I must ever love & respect. Brother sister desired
to be affectionately remembered to you. Bro Scott is well
& is still the same lively zealous man as when you first
saw ^{him} so much for Philadelphia. — We expect to stay
here another year nothing preventing. Joseph gets almost
discouraged sometimes with the weight of his business & cares
both for the world & church. At present he has a class
under his care & is circuit steward &c. My prayer is that the Lord
would increase his faith & make him useful in his day & genera-
tion. We have a society here which numbers 51 members
probably half of which number has joined during the last
year. I believe I can truly say the last year was the happi-
est I ever spent. I find I have indulged myself in writing
to long I must therefore abruptly close. Dear Bro Finley
pray for us & I do hope our friendship may be renewed
in that happy region where parting is a sound un-
known. My love to your family. Sarah wishes
to be remembered. She has lately been married
to a worthy young man Mr David Monahan & they
talk of going to Perrysburg in Ohio to live next sum-
mer fare well. Mary C Hollinshead