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of that happy number, I think I almost hear you say amen
 my dear Brother may that God whom you serve
 so long - still protect and guide you in the way
 of eternal life is my prayer - your affectionately
 { write when you have leisure } J. M. Cheever
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Dear James H. Finckley
 Germantown
 Ohio

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James H. Finckley
 19th May

heard from sister Joseph Finckley, James, Eliza, and children
 all well and Mr. Finckley thinks you a letter from James
 very good. some family are well. Today

Dear Mrs. Finckley Piqua Aug 19th 1845
 Yours of the 14 Instant came safe to hand
 and was very welcome - it always ^{gives} us pleasure, to hear
 from our dear friends. we have so few of them & for we don't count
 all friends, who say they are such - but it also encourages
 us, to hear God was with you, in all your troubles, and
 privations, and I keep your head above the waters, yea, Mrs.
 James, and always, with so long, as we are faithful, I am
 also, obliged to say, my troubles are many, and some very
 sore ones, in my old age, & some times, get in the dark
 so bad, I do not know what to do, but I go tell the
 Lord, ~~about~~ all about it, and he often helps me away,
 - yea, he has always been, better to me than my fears -
 But Mrs. James I think when you began your letter, you felt
 very good, but the end of first Page, you must have had
 some one tread on your corns, for you shift your
 time, and say I was going to ask you several questions,
 but perhaps you are just like the rest, you think
 I am troublesome! but as you did ask them, I will try
 to answer them, best I can - first George is well, and
 bids fair to live many years & Sarah is married, to Judge
 H. Morse of Cincinnati - & James S. Cheever is at Lima as well
 & Sister Sarah Finckley is at Lima - Mr. John P. Finckley is
 Dubuque, Iowa - selling medicines - William Cheever is
 not at home, but our mother some ware, he is not
 doing any good. he went to Cincinnati and came
 in to Buirap on his own account and failed
 very much by going into a speculation in
 Macon and flour come our means about
 \$300 - all against my will as I advised - he has cost me
 more than any of my other children and has a fine rate of
 weather and is capable to fill any situation

and this may be, the best thing ever happened to him
depends on how he exercised there by, my prayer is he may
share the good part, it is one of my sore troubles —
No 7. Respecting Scoles, we don't here anything about them, they
are very still, James Scudder and Ben are still I believe with
them, we hardly ever here them mentioned No 8 our Pardon
is very healthy at this time, No 9. I don't know what to say
about this going to Iowa, I would like to go, I am doing
nothing to profit here, wife would like it very
well. But I have no one to take charge here, I would
have to leave mother and little Mary word alone
I am sure — No 10 I expect to be as confining, if not
my wife will be closed. your first Question I answer
last (how are you getting along, well as to Religion
not as well as I could wish, I have to many dark seasons
some times my Blessed Master give me to feel he is my
saviour — then again I get into doubts and fears?
But I want to get to that good world, above all things,
above ever thing, that can be thought of besides, and I
feel this moment blessed be God, like trying, through
the merits and intercessions of my saviour Jesus, I shall
conquer. O B James, if we miss of Heaven, after so much
love, that God, has shown, in the gift of son, it will
be dreadful to the thought, to linger in eternal pain
and death for ever fly, God for bid, I ever should
come to that awful place — my difficulties
are many — as to this world, it ought not to be
I know well, But how shall I help it — My William
Endicotts has robbed me and left me in debt
and I have been trying to sell some property to
pay, but cannot effect it — I would take one
half for my property, what I could have got
for it — four years ago — when I ought to have sold,
I owe 1600 more than I can pay, till I sell, I some
motion to try, at Auction in a few days —

I would like now to live without doing much business
— but I want to pay my debts first, then I would like to help
my children, but my hands are tied — I look to God for
Deliverance in his own good time — I see I have for you
one of your Quakers, William Hendley is still living in
Frenton ~~the~~ Iowa — William Hendley told me he was determined
to be rich, in this world's goods, I told to be careful, remember
I live — be cautious or you will lose your soul —
well I believe I have told you all you wanted to know
I will wind up by saying remember me and mine
at the throne of grace I don't ask this, in a customary
way — No. I feel I need it — when you feel a near approach
to the mercy seat when you feel Jesus is precious
— by near, I try to remember me, that God would
give me a clear, bright evidence of my acceptance
through Jesus Christ, and ever keep me near
foot of the cross, watchful and prayerful,
that I enter not into temptation, even to visit
my own wrongs. but may ^{my} soul open fast for
the garner of God, than when that hour shall come
I may be ready to depart in great peace,
shouting the praises of God — why B^r James
if we shall be permitted to reach that Blessed coun-
try, were the inhabitants are never sick and never
part. in a pure and holy company — nothing to
disturb — nothing to mar our eternal happiness and
meet our Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, & Sisters & children
who have gone before us — will there be any there
that will shout louder than we or have reason
to — I think not, The Lord send we may make