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Newark Aug 13. 1846

My Dear Bro Finley

Your kind favour was received on yesterday, and I now embrace the opportunity which presents itself of answering it.

In compliance with your request, I called on Mr. Beckwith, and named to him the matter about which you write. He says if you will send the note to him, which you hold against him, he will ~~be~~ redeem it sometime during the next week. I hope you will send it as early in the week as possible that he may have some day in which to make his arrangements.

On Monday 24th of August I expect to take my family to Garrettsville, where they will remain 'till after Conference. On Monday the 1st of September I expect to start for Piqua in company with Bro G. McFadden of Rushville and Mother Hazlett, who intend visiting Dr. Thomas Hazlett, who for some 12, or more months past, has been living in Piqua. I suppose we shall be unable to reach Conference even then Wednesday evening.

Bro Finley, I feel like upbraiding myself for not writing to you some weeks ^{ago} and meeting on your visiting so before Conference. I certainly should have done so, but for the word I received that you expected to visit us. Now I am pained to excuse you, as the weather has been unusually warm, and your engagements are such, that your services are much needed at home, but at the same time I must say, if you but knew how anxious we are to see

I intend to have them pay the balance of your quarterly

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Recd
J. W. Stone
Aug 1846



Rev James O. Finley

Columbus

Ohio



you. you most assuredly would make some effort to visit us. Should we be sent within a day ride of Columbus. We will expect you to visit us without, doubt, or fear in regard to it. should your life and health be ~~continued~~. When you left us we could have felt but little work in being bereaved of a relative. I felt that there was something out of place, and thought Bro Young whom I much esteem ~~to be~~ ~~there~~ visited us, and made our house his home during his stay in Newark, still our old and welcome visitor was not here; his place was vacant.

Bro Young preached us two interesting, instructive, and profitable sermons: the people were pleased, and so was I.

There is nothing special about which to write. The Church moves on about as usual. Our congregations are large and attentive, and at times there is considerable feeling. The classes are pretty well attended, and some of the Primitives are (I think) growing in grace.

In a few days more I shall leave the dear people of Newark, and when I think of I feel sad. I could have parted with my charge a year ago, with less reluctance than I can at present. I have become more strongly attached to the people, and they to me. I have been told that should there be no other place for me, the people here are willing to secure my poor services for an other year, this is better than to have them pray for

my removal. This morning I met with a misfortune. I called on a dentist, for the purpose of having my teeth played, while preparing in the filling, his instrument slipped and ~~striking my contact with~~ ^{striking my contact with} ~~my~~ ^{my} cheek, & very much. It is with difficulty that I can eat or speak. Your old friends are anxious to see you, and hear you preach, but none more so than my self and family. Minerva is well and sends her love to "Pado". Charles Finley is a "cliff" he is as mischievous as he can well be, and as good as ever, no trouble in managing him. He amuses himself by calling his pig, whistling, throwing little stones, pulling his horse about the house, besides a variety of other things. "Thirdly" (as it is called) is a prominent preposition in the subject. a better little dear remembered.

I should have enjoyed a squirrel hunt with you, as you were so successful. Lewis' box came up some time since, and Bro. Wilson, Evans, & Blanchard, Lewis and myself went out, and killed 53 squirrels; the day was very hot.

Lewis tender her love to you, and would take your advice in regard to our appointment. "The Lord do with us, what seemeth him good." In great haste

I remain dear Brother

Yours as ever

L. W. Stone

Rev L. B. Finley

N.B. Please write as soon as this comes to hand. Mary Lewis tender her. L. W. Stone love to you.