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Letter from Nancy Spear to James B. Finley

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Rev. J. B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio

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Wm. & Mary
Barnstable
Dec 1846

Dear father Finley Sallie Hale Nov 3^d
Induced by the repeated solicitations
of our mutual friend Mrs Taylor together with my own
desire to converse a while with one I so highly esteem
I have concluded (though unsolicited by yourself) to write
you, believing that a letter from your friend Henry will
not be unacceptable. - And first I would ask - How
are you. Father Finley - and what are you doing. Well
and as usual. happy. I hope. busily engaged in your
Masters work. "winning souls for Christ" May you in
the morning of the Resurrection have ^{many} souls redeemed
by the blood of Christ. to lay at Emmanuel's feet as trophies
of his love. Which you have been the instrument of gathering
from among those degraded beings with whom you
now labour. I have thought much and often of you long
life spent in the service of the Lord. your sacrifices and
self denials - your pleasant home and cheerful
fire side - so cheerfully relinquished. To go forth and
proclaim a saviour to sinful man. Ah. what joy will
your happy spirit realize when called to win its way
to its eternal home. Then can you sing - ^{Oh} who
can tell a saviours love. or speak of graces power.
But you would hear something of your friends - by
whom you are so kindly remembered. Well. And
as soon as you already know somewhat of an Egypt
and love to talk about my own dear self and friends
I will begin with Thome - and Aunt Taylor. the chief
and great attraction of that home. she has enjoyed good
health. Her eyes excepted ever since you were here
they are no better and she has been obliged to give up
every thing that would require the least exertion of the

