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Letter from George Wells to James B. Finley

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Wellsville May 6. 1853

Rev James B. Finley

Dear Sir

Thank it

I suppose you will
think it strange to receive a letter from
one that time has long since obliterated from
your memory. Indeed I was young when you
traveled through this part of Ohio preaching the
gospel. When occasionally you took shelter
under my father's humble roof (William Wells)
my father (in his lifetime) always spoke of you
with great respect, as well as my Brothers & Sisters
who were older than myself. The object of
this letter is to invite you to pay a visit to
this place and Preach once more for us before
you take your journey to the better country. Though
if you should come there would ^{be} very few
faces that you would recognize for nearly
all that heard you preach in those days have fallen
a sleep. I have thought for some time if you
in your old age could travel over the ground
(from ^{here} to the lakes) where you in early times planted
Churches or if not planted by you you watered
those that were planted by your Brethren shortly
before, it would have a very good effect. I think
there is a great departure from the simplicity
of the gospel. (at least on the whole of the Western

reserve. The doctrine of infidelity as Preached by
Abby Kelly. Abolitionism as proclaimed by
Goodwins and many others together with Spiritual
Wrappings are leading many very many to
ruin. if you should find it convenient
to come please come to my house and
make it your home while you stay at this
place yours very Respectfully

Geo Wells