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Letter from Leonidas Lent Hamline to James B. Finley

L.L. Hamline

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her out. My health through the summer was such that I have scarcely walked 4 rods and back half a dozen times since last May, but the cool weather is helping me. We are thirsting for crowns of life, and how many sweet gales of the Spirit to waft us heavenward. We hope to meet you all in glory.

All the family join in love to you & yours and Mrs H. wishes to be most affectionately & specially remembered to sister Finley for whom she feels the attachment which only the Love of God can inspire.

Please write as often as you can
Affectly L. L. Hamlin



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Box 4

Schenectady Sept. 25, 1856

Rev J B Finley

Dear Bro.

Your letter received yesterday made our hearts glad. We had traced you to the west & home again, by the W. Ch. Ad. and were rejoiced to hear from your own pen. You must have found a multitude of old acquaintances on your way, and the meeting between you must have been affecting. I cannot conceive of a more interesting journey than yours must have been.

Only 10 years ago I attended the Iowa Conf. & there were about 50 preachers & four districts. Now it is divided & the north half, has 7 districts. In 1850 I sent ~~the~~ some 3 or 4 preachers to Minnesota, now they have a conference of some 50 preachers. What hath God wrought! Blessed be his name!

L. L. Hamlin

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Rev James B. Finley
Eaton, Peble Co.
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Border ruffianism is the natural result of slavery. It will increase in malice, fraud, boldness, & disregard of all rights human & divine, until slavery perishes, and then it will require three generations to do away its influence on the hearts of southern men. I was glad to find your whereabouts as to the presidency. I feared you might be Fillmore, for Americanism at its start had charms for me & many others, & some ^{true men} have not got their eyes open yet. Old Father Howe (Samuel Howe of Troy Cong.) was here when your letter came. He is about your age & a blessed old superannuate. I read him your letter, & then found he was inclined to Fillmore, supposing Fremont was a Catholic. By the help of your letter we sent him away converted & a missionary for Fremont. We hope New York is safe

for the path finder. Nothing but a union of all dough faces can defeat him, I trust. Hunkers, softs, and Fillmore men cannot be brought to coalesce. Pennsylvania is less secure. Dr. Hamline is laboring night & day for Fremont, & we just had a Township gathering in Rotterdam of 500 souls.

Mr. Harlan is now in his proper sphere. "Peace to his ashes." If the "Rads" don't know him, they will in due time.

I rec'd a letter from Bro Brooks 2 weeks ago, saying he was very unwell & could scarcely write. I am anxious about him.

Our family is as usual except that we have a relative dying here with a cancer and the care of her involves Mrs. Hamline so much that it is almost weaving