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## Letter from David Young to James B. Finley

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1831

Chas. Farnes 13 July  
Sturteville  
Ohio

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Dear Farnes

The reason why yours of Jan  
23<sup>rd</sup> has not been answered sooner has not  
been owing to negligence, but want of  
opportunity. I have not been in Lancaster  
since the date of your letter (I think) & had  
it not been for the goodness of a friend  
you would not have had this serial

I can rejoice in the joy of your health, &  
be glad that we are not always to dwell in  
valley of affliction sorrow & trouble — don't  
let Farnes nor get too weary of the world for tho  
it is as you describe it, yet it has been some how  
that way ever since I can remember. If I un-  
derstand of our terms popularity & speculation it is  
only 2 other words of cupidity & thirst for praise, and  
surely the former of these has been very prevalent ever  
since the days of Caesars, & the latter has been well  
exemplified in most great men from Cyrus down  
to Bonaparte. But it is true that in modern times  
only, ~~the~~ these principles have been exemplified in  
almost every body; Every man is a worker to be a  
hero or a man of honor. But he can't make the  
without wealth — hence the dirty, swindling schemes



a float — For out of the pretty pleasing phrases  
"Liberty & Equality" is raised equal rights to wealth  
& privilege or liberty falsely to give out that Fools are  
wise, & that those who would (if they could) cheat the  
Demons are sufficiently honest & honorable to have  
judgeships & Offices for ~~themselves~~ or judgeships & Offices  
depending. Now you know that manners, mores  
& Alarms descend from palaces & courts. What  
I pray you can be expected in the run where  
the spring continually works up the ill & dirt.

I think it is not a new thing in the earth  
that you have discovered, but the old thing  
in perhaps a meaner & more law lived form.

Foster & Co broke in Cuthberts & they had on hand  
a great many Portraits of the Bishops which  
in all probability went off at auction, but  
there might not have been as much moral tur-  
pitude in that, as there was in laying in their  
chap Book, & Stationary, without a probability  
of paying for them.

It is certainly, a good thing to be instrumental  
in turning sinners from outward viciousness  
but we ought to pray God to be labourous & perse-  
vering in our endeavours to have them renewed  
in the inner man.

It is very well that risking the Book money  
has cost the commission nothing  
yours was the latest intelligence I have had

Bishop Asbury. And my fears on this sub-  
ject forbid me saying any thing!

You can tell my friends with you that  
I have same desire to see them as well as  
they have to see me. But let them know  
that it will not be convenient for me to see  
them till after the Genl Conference.

What ever you may have of importance  
to write to me (It it be only "I am sick or I am  
well") may come to hand & will be gratefully  
ac<sup>ed</sup> at Barnesville April 18<sup>th</sup> next when &  
where you may perhaps make some business &  
save yourself the trouble of writing to the  
no small satisfaction of your old friends.

I Durm will be with me. I intend to  
write to Bro. Myers to make an appoint-  
ment for me at B- at 12 o'clock the day  
just mentioned above.

Remember me to Sister Faily & the little  
daughter & accept my warmest salutation  
for your present & eternal peace.

Unless you set him free, I hope you will never  
see the day that you cannot find a friend

in  
J. Faily,  
Barnesville  
Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 1816

Leaves  
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