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## Letter from David Young to James B. Finley

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Dr B. G. Averville Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1849

I was again taken sick on the date of your last letter, & when it came to hand was not able to read it, I sat up an hour or 2 yesterday, but could not write. Perhaps I had better do what I am not in the habit of doing much - Begin with myself & afflictions, you hear of them so often. Well 6 months ago I weighed 182 lbs now I weigh 158 so you see my frequent attacks are not without some influence. But then the lower part of my spine is curved inward

The other part of the spine projects the lower right at the place which when I was 40 there was a specific hollow, between my hips now it may be that the loss of so much fat & muscle helps to make it more difficult for me to ride in a carriage, or lie on my back. My kidneys are disordered & I have no means of ascertaining whether this be a primary or sympathetic disease. This is a tedious but it may rather be a satisfactory way of telling you that I can neither get to conferences, nor meet the Agents & their council respecting the last take the following suggestions

1. The property of the M. E. Church is protected by law (I believe) in N. York - Vice Judge C. desires - as in the case of the centenary church Brooklyn in favor of Guff v. v. 6 & 7 James

Miss Gibson  
Apr 14 49

Dr W. B. Gurley  
Cataract  
Mass



2. The same is true of our Church property in Ohio  
This was tried in Muskingum County Stillwell (now  
Judge) was then our lawyer & he said our rights could  
not be overthrown if the trusts were kept perfect

In these two States our Books concern are located

3. I am afraid it is otherwise in Pa. the vote of our  
"Chartered Friends" you ought to have the Journal of  
the Gen Conv. 1844 where the proof will be found that  
the church South believed & acted on the principle  
that no division could be made of the Book concern  
without the attestation of a certain restrictive vote  
(then you ought to have the proof that the Annual  
conferences refused to alter the restrictive rule as  
above alluded to) It seems to me that the whole case  
will turn on this fact whether the South are or  
are not considered in the common acceptance of  
that term from the M & Church? But I am not sure  
of you and it seems you are not sure at law  
you are put on the chancery side of the court. Now if  
"chancery" still means only "to mitigate the rig-  
or of the law" and does not mean to "abolish  
the law" the South it seems to me ought not  
to be very sanguine of success in Ohio or New York  
I want you to do a little business for me at con-  
ferences. Call on the Stewards of conv. receive  
any moneys which may be coming to me & pay

- 1. Wm Simmons 10 dollars for his Dutch church
  - 2. Missionary Society 5 dollars
  - 3. Preachers aid society 7 dollars
- \* This letter was begun yesterday

4. I have receipts for the Q & A Journal paid  
in advance since the 1. Vall was issued till  
now all dated (I think) in September - now  
the Vall commences with the year reduced from  
\$ to 1 dollar per agents, Pay may scrip this doll  
- or last can on the current year & send me  
a receipt for the right year to begin over  
with. Any other little collections which  
you believe I would pay were I present with  
you. & send me the account or expended for  
me that I may keep this as usual spending  
more of it for my own personal benefit -  
While I think of it take the W & A Advocate for  
me with the reduction on the eastern so  
I'll still be at the same rate I supposed

Enclosed you will receive & hand over  
my resignation as Trustee to the University  
with the reasons contained

I can write no longer at this time  
May we glorify God on earth and  
adorn him in heaven forever

I pray your friend  
J B Finley

D. Garrison  
N.B. I have not time to read this  
last

Write again