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Homer M. Carper

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Feb 6th 1847. Delaware

Dear Father Finley

I take my pen
to tell you a joyful tale.
I always loved you as a man & now
I feel that I can love you with true
Christian affection. And I believe you
like me well enough to rejoice
when I tell you that God for
the sake of Christ has pardoned
my sins and made me to rejoice
in the love of God.

We have had a protracted
meeting here for about 2 weeks
during which time the Lord has
done marvelous things for this
institution. & the town the members
of the Church have been revived
much. We have been meeting just
when we pleased for a week. Sometimes
the classes were attended and sometimes
not. the Faculty were much
revived. Prof Williams has been
happily converted. Praise to God I
feel happy. It seems to me
I have been a most miserable
dunce not to have taken the advice

To the
Rev Mr
Finley
Feb 1847

Thomas McKendree Carpenter

Geo. Davis, Esq. Secretary
Columbian
Ohio



of those whom I knew were my friends
but you know what sort of a thing
human nature is

I went forward to the museum
bench the first time without any feeling
merely from a sense of duty dictated
by judgement. I came away just
as I went. I went again and again
at last I thought I would give it up
but Brother Pitcher came across me
and told me not to stop or I would
become perfectly hardened. I concluded
I would try it once more I went to
meeting that night the doors of the
church were opened and I was the first
man up. I thought I would ~~take~~
pull down the bridges behind me so
that there would be no chance to
back out. I then determined I would
never give up till I got religion I
thank God that night I got it
when I first received the ~~truly~~ blessing
I felt as innocent as a sleeping infant
perfectly calm. my happiness increased
so that the next day I took a good
old fashioned method. About I have been
happy ever since. the devil has tempted
me but he cannot make me believe that

that I was not converted. by the
Reading the Bible & prayer I can drive
him. there has been about 30 students
converted. & I don't know how many true
people - & the cry is still they come
I am well and am doing well
you may be sure. Give my respects to
Brother & Sister Matchum. pray
for me.

your young friend
J. H. M. Carpenter
Rev James Furley