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## Letter from Watson Tripp to James B. Finley

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June 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

Much respected Friend, I received yours on the 4 of May  
It has been made a blessing to me in settling that  
question which <sup>before</sup> was very much confused. I am perfectly  
satisfied that is my duty, for instance there has not been  
a doubt in my mind within 2 weeks.

It has caused me to pass through many pensive hours  
feeling unworthy of this station in life the thoughts  
of my unprepared state are wearing down both  
body and spirit, the exercise of my <sup>mind</sup> at times  
overcomes my strength, I cannot stay here long  
in my present condition if not soon relieved  
death will remove me and I where

I have opened my mind fully to none but you  
to some others I hinted one in particular to my  
sorrow he regrets it, and says he shall take me  
to and place on a farm in Illinois, also because  
I do not wish to study the branches that would suit  
him best I am debared from school, as my judgment  
is not mature I shall not decide.  
were it not my duty, and a feeling sense of it  
I might otherwise be happy my enjoyment apart  
from this are as great as they ever were or more so  
if it were not for this consoling theme god loves  
me what should I do why I should sink into  
dark despair, mercy to me is still a friend  
present feelings

happy, fearful, joyous, yet sad, solemnity rest  
on me, mirthful sensation Gods love, a feeling sense  
of duty a strong desire to perform it  
all ambition for things of the world have  
fled even my cup is full of peace and joy in  
believing, As you was so kind as to stay to  
unworthy me hereby I would thank you for it

if you please sir set a time I shall be glad to  
profit thereby, My Father wants my help this summer  
think it more than he can do at present to pay  
for books and tuition my Cousin offers to board  
me for a trifle at his residence in Delaware.

I find my bodily strength gone worse and with  
anxiety and fear, I still feel that there is balm in  
Gilead for every pain in soul or body  
Father Stephen Tripp (by name) lives five and a half up  
Whitstone river

Two weeks Friday last also last Saturday I called at  
prison, work has hurried until it finds me  
unable to attend to its calls, sometimes conviction  
sary lay aside the rest if you calculate to get to  
heaven the response is how shall I how can I under  
existing circumstances, I know that there is no  
impossibility with God but still it is unknown  
to me, Remember unworthy me at the throne of  
Grace answer this as soon as you please Bind up  
my weakness in love I should like your opinion  
on several subjects, yours in love W. C. Tripp

Rev S Finley



W.C. Smith  
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