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Letter from Joseph Newson to James B. Finley

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I must now close by requesting you to write
to me soon again and to write to me from general
Conference Little Timely often speaks of Grandpa
Timely he is growing fine The little girl con-
tinue as plain as time Mrs Newton sends her
best respect to you and would be glad to see
you I conclude by subscribing myself your
sincere friend and brother
J Newton

Mr James B Finley

Columbus

Ohio

Rehoboth
Ohio March

Recd
J Newton
1844 March

Rehoboth Perry Co March 1st 1848

Dear Mr Finley

Your kind favor reached
me in due time and I was glad to hear
from you and especially to learn that you
were well and doing well and I should
have written in answer immediately had
you not informed me you were going to leave
for home for some three weeks

Through the mercy of God we are
all enjoying our usual health at present
for which we desire to be thankful

We have enjoyed pretty good health
generally since we saw you with the excep-
tion of bad colds and we have not
suffered as much as many others with that

This has been a winter of much
trouble with me I believe I have never labored
harder in my life and yet our success
has not been what we desired it to be we
have not however labored in vain for
the Lord has blessed us at several appointments

We have received into the Church
on probation since Conference 86 and we
have had some revival influences all over the
Church Many have been powerfully converted to
God many backsliders have been reclaimed
but best of all many old difficulties have

you have been heard and you know that that
was much needed on this circuit

So far as extra labour is concerned
and I am by myself Bro Hamilton don't feel
able to engage in extra meeting and has
had but one this year and has preached
but two sermons more than his regular
work & he has some conference

But I have no complaint to offer
he is a kind chosen old brother and I
love him much and he seems willing
to do what he can

I think I can say Somerset is in
a better state now than it ever has been
since I knew it and we have had some
increase there lately

Still we have had a number of
~~active~~ communications, in the Advocate lately
from the other side of the divide in favour
of the division of the conference but as yet
I have not heard a single voice from this
side and I am inclined to believe the boys
in this end of the conference are not quite so
anxious for the division as our friends around
the green city

I see some of your writers
seem to think that notwithstanding the Circum-
stances end will have the most preachers

members and Stations that this end will be
made equal or the deficiency will be made
up in every respect by attaching to the
Honesville end the most interesting Nonnawha
district Now I have thought this would
be an interesting conference indeed in some
respects It would contain five Presby-
terian districts admitting the interesting
Nonnawha district be attached

Two of those districts we could
pretty nearly stock with Local itinerant
preachers for I believe in the bound of the
Columbus and Honesville district there are
about nine or ten such at the present time

Will you know that the interests
district over the river (with two or three
exceptions) cannot receive married men on its
circuit without greatly embarrassing the preachers
in a pecuniary way And there will the
hills and valleys of the Portsmouth and
Morriston district for itinerant preachers to covet
and you know it is not a paradise

Now so far as I am concerned I
enter my protest against the division at this
time and if you believe in the election of insti-
tution I hereby instruct you or ~~some~~ one of your
constituents to vote against it I should like
to see you and talk with about my objections