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Newark Feb 15th 1849

Rev J. B. Finley

Dear Brother, We are in the midst of a glorious revival of Religion in the new church of this place. Some 68 have joined the church on probation And nearly all of them happily committed to God.

The brethren, Phillips & Loring, who have been aiding me in the work are nearly worn out. As for myself I am prohibited by my physician from attempting to preach on account of the state in which the prevailing "influenza" has left my lungs & system.

The brethren are very anxious that you should pay us a visit & they think that your labors would be crowned with much success. If you could come over & spend a few days with us you would pay us under lasting obligations; & perhaps gather a few additional stars to deck your crown & rejoice in the day of eternity.

Now Father Finley I need use no argument to induce you to come if your situation will allow. I know that for the last half century almost, you have been ready to step into an open door to do good.

If you can possibly come & spend the Sabbath with us do & if not if you can spend any part of next week with us let me know by return mail. And hoping that you may be able to comply I would subscribe myself most affectionately a son in the Gospel

N. F. Stewart

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