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Rev. James B. Finley,

Easton

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Monday evening
Yellow Springs April 20th 1852

Dear Brother Finley

Your kind letter favoured by J. Pennel was gratefully received we were glad to hear that although you have been afflicted with rheumatism, your health is good and also that of your family as it respects myself I have been very much complaining all winter in the same way that I was, when you was here, my head and stomach are much disordered and a general weakness throughout the whole system my family have been sick but they are better now and I hope when the weather becomes settled we shall all be better, you speak of the time seeming so long since we have seen each other, let me say to you my dear brother that it has been the very case with myself and I believe that I missed you more than any friend I ever had and scarcely knew how I could do without you when I was in need of just such a friend, we were rejoiced to hear that the Lord is reviving his work with you and it is my earnest desire and prayer to God that he will revive his work at the Yellow Springs, we have had some good meetings this winter and a few have joined the Church one of which was my son as you have heard, I think he is in good earnest and hope the rest of my children will follow on, you enquire how I am getting along in the service of God I feel my dear friend that I am very unworthy but by the grace of God I am what I am and I can say that the things that I once loved I now hate and those which I once hated I now love, and blessed be God the longer I live in his service and the better I try to serve him the better I like it and I feel like serving him with my whole heart as long as I live and I with my whole family earnestly desire an interest in your prayers that I with mine and you with yours may prove faithful untill death, and although we have had to part on earth oh may we meet in that happy home in heaven where we shall never part again I have this day attended the funeral and burial of old Father Potter he went out into the yard about twelve o'clock and dropped dead without being able to let any body know

Dear Sir we would have been very glad if we could have
made it convenient to have spent a day or two with you shooting
Pigeons but Chapman is very busy building his house and that
with the work keeps us all busy but I hope to come and see
you some time and cordially invite you and yours to come and
see us, the Doctor and family are well except his wife she
has been very low but is some better now I cannot tell anything
particular about brother Pennells family but as far as I know

they are well brother Pready is a good deal better than he was
when the fire happened it was supposed it would go hard with him
we all send our best love to you and yours and hope you will
write soon Julietta sends hers to Clifford

please write soon and we will endeavour to do our part as
well as we can and believe me yours until death
J. W. & C. Cox