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Mary E. Bayard

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From Sydney D
 Rev. James B. Finley
 Ridgerville
 Ohio

Mary E. Howard
 Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh

Respected and Dear
 Brother Finley

I again take up my pen to address you, although Mr. Bayard wrote to you some time ago and has never received an answer, perhaps you never received ^{letter} the ~~it~~ it would give us much pleasure to hear from you often, — one of my nearest neighbors expects to start for Cincinnati in a few days and I thought I would write a few lines, to "stir up your pure mind" by way of remembrance to pray for all those who are near and dear to me, by the ties of nature, particularly my aged parents who bear with much weight upon my mind, I have been praying for them for more than ten years and they remain unconverted still, Oh Brother Finley pray for them whenever you approach a throne of grace — they are so strictly moral that they think they are secure, pray the Lord to shake them off this sandy foundation, ask your good wife to meet you at a throne of grace in their behalf

ask every person you have confidence in to pray
for them, Oh that the Lord would hear and
answer prayer for my father my mother my
brothers my sisters and all my friends, my
husband and myself are still trying to save our
souls but I must acknowledge we live far
beneath our privileges Oh that the Lord would
stir us up to be more diligent than we have
ever been Oh that he would make us more holy
Oh that we were bright and shining lights, this
is what I desire, --- We have moved into Pittsburg
in our new house, (two months ago) and find it
much pleasanter than Bayardstown, my little son
grows finely, I hope the Lord will make him a
good christian --- and now my good brother
I must conclude by once more repeating to
you, pray for us for the prayers of the righteous
availeth much --- Please to write very soon, Mr.
Bayard sends his best respects to yourself and wife
also present mine to her, and believe ^{me} to be your
sincere friend and sister in
the Lord --- Mary. E. Bayard

P.S. I have met with a young lady going to Urbana
she says she is acquainted with you and I thought
this would be the surest conveyance ---