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Dear
J. W. H. men

Dear
James B. Finley
Barnstable
Mass

Whitby May 20th

Dear James - Having a favorable opportunity - I drop you a line to let you know that I still live and to enquire after your welfare and that of your family - I have been sitting for several days at the dying pillow of my beloved Sister Caroline who is falling in youth in the midst of fair prospects of earthly happiness - This is the death of my family who have fallen in three years - - My mind suffers much in the midst of these severe trials from the hopes that they are all dying in the Lord - - If this be the end of which life is given me should not mourn to see our friends going home - but O how hard to make the grave of the resurrection morning - or we should die - my sister is powerful and overcomes the dark valley with Christian courage and meekness - - This is by far the greatest trial I have ever been called to to endure - -

I am glad to hear you are prospering in business - I hope God will give you success in this and a crown in heaven -

I am still buoyant under the depression
and feel H. or Turgins me to be untimely given
— but my prospects of better life increase as the
the world fades — I draw near the more eternal
seems — of knowledge and love —

your Betty — I should like to visit
you — but whether I shall be able to or
not is uncertain — I have lost track of
very distinguished in business the depression
by Dutton perhaps he might do me some
good if I could see him — keep me in
touch by Best book and let me know of your
happings — — remember me to your wife
and believe me as ever yours

Friend — J. M. Turner