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## Letter from Francis Hall to James B. Finley

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New York, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1826

Rev. James B. Finlay

My dear Brother,

Brother Walker intends to leave us to-morrow evening on his return to the Mission, and to his care we have committed two large cases to your address. One is from this city, the other from Philadelphia, and a third. I am this day informed is on the way from Baltimore. I hope it will reach New York in season to ship with the others. If not it shall be sent off immediately on its arrival.

It afforded me much pleasure to hear of the prosperity of the work of the Lord among our many dear friends, but I assure you it was with much regret that we learnt that you had left the missionary field. Indeed my wife says she almost feels discouraged, fearing that the work may suffer in consequence, but we must

Rev. James B. Finlay

Sanctus  
Finlay

Francis Hall  
New York



Trusty in the Power of Missions, and not in an  
arm of flesh.

Since you left, I have been absent,  
into the Country for two Months, whence I have  
just returned. At present therefore I have little  
to communicate in regard to the Missionary  
cause. My next I hope will be more interesting.  
I have this day received a letter from Brother  
Reece, who you will recollect was a delegate  
from the British Conference. He says: "At our  
late conference we were disappointed by the  
deputation not coming according to the  
decision of the General Conference. We will  
hope they will be with us at our next session.  
Our Conference was very harmonious, and  
our finances are in a better state than we  
expected to have found them, considering  
the commercial distress which has prevailed  
so generally on this side the Atlantic. Twenty  
four preachers have died in the course of the  
year, all of whom have "done well," and  
seventy six have offered themselves to the work  
who are accepted. Thirty six of them for the  
foreign missions. Thus the Lord is providing

for an extension of his own Kingdom. I am  
glad to hear of the prosperity of your Missions  
among the Indians, the ancient possessors of your  
soil, and soon to be one of the glories of your  
Country. Remember me to all the preachers  
with whom I became acquainted in America.  
So you see my dear brother that the cause  
of the Indians is not forgotten by our friends  
in England.

You will have seen ere this that the Book  
Concern have established a paper in this city called  
the "Christian Advocate". It is edited by the late Editor  
of Trinity Herald. This paper promises to be of  
circulation as it is under the patronage of the General  
Conference, and I have no doubt will be the means  
of doing much good.

I beg you will remember us to our Indian  
Brethren who were with us, and tell them, we have  
reason to hope their visit to us will not be altogether  
in vain. Mrs Hall and numerous friends join  
with me in affectionate regards to you.

I am my dear Brother  
Yours in the Bonds of  
Christian Affection Thomas Hall