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July 3rd AD 1833

Dear brother and I. Meeting ended on Monday
night - when we commenced on lots our help
was small - The P.E. Proctor tried to preach
from Ex 33-14 and felt about as well as he
ever did - glory be to God, That day bro Black, Withers
Withers and Whitcomb came, all were armed
for the battle - 5 o'clock bro Black preached well
Withers of hosts powerfully - we had a good time
Sunday morning our house was crowded, and very
many all round the house, perhaps there never was
a better congregation in Hamilton - at 11 Withers
preached one of his very best sermons in the Church
and Whitcomb to great advantage in the Court House
and vice versa in the afternoon - This day honored
Methodism in this place, preparing at night
Monday morning 8 o'clock bro C. Proctor a good sermon, Whit-
comb administered the holy Sacrament -
This was a time of great power and glory -
we closed by calling the mourners - perhaps twenty came
O what a time, if you been here you ^{would} have seen
and shouted and said "I never expected to see such a
time in Hamilton" You haven't had a vision
of this scene on Friday night,
Thank God for what he has done for us - Some were
powerfully converted - 16 joined the Church we got
some cream this time, that will make good butter -
for others of standing the place is shaking O my God
Shake on untill all the sinners in the two towns
Shall turn to God, and let all the people say amen

I have ^{been} quite afflicted at times lately with pulmonary
symptoms of Cholera &c Monday in the meeting house
I was strangely affected with a fainting sensation
with difficulty I could walk to my lodgings —
Some times I think my end is nigh — O God prepare
me for this event — I feel a hungering and thirsting
after righteousness O that I may be filled with
all the fullness of Christ my matter —
I feel greatly afflicted to hear of your bad health —
I hope that the Everlasting arms may be round
about you and uphold and comfort you in all
your afflictions — If we are patient to suffer the
will of the Lord I believe we are just as well
pleasing in his sight as we are when we are well
and actively engaged in doing his will —
Were we here of finding you at home perhaps bro
Bell and myself might pay you a short visit
in about two weeks — I desire to see you
before Conference about this Circuit next year,
it should be altered, I think so, and the people
in town, and country think so, when I see you
I will tell you my plan — if you can, ride down
and spend a few days with us — please write
if you can come let us know it and when —
if not when will you be at home, or are you
always there — pray much for your unworthy
and afflicted son in the Gospel of Christ
my Christian love to Sister J. & bro & Sister B. &c

Yours well

Rev J. B. Finley

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