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London 6th Dec

Rev. and dear brother

I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I am tolerably well at this time and am still striving to serve God and his church in the best manner I can ~~now~~, O brother pray ^{for} me that I may be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ nourished up with faith and good doctrine

We have some pretty good times here, I think much more flattering than they have been the last time I was in London we had a glorious time there were many came forward to be prayed for six joined society. I took into Soc^y last round 15 members and bro, D. some likewise. O that God may push the victories of his kingdom till all proclaim him God,

I received a letter from brother S. Swan instead of Dages Dec 17. he informed ^{me} that they ^{had} arrived in Banaville and ^{had} rec. into society 60 members since conference may Jesus lead the van and push the kingdom of methodism from sea even to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the ~~world~~ earth. Brother Darison is well and all on fire preaching and shouting and in the very spirit of the work he says more so than he has been for some years. I have heard of the death of brother Mores give me particulars, Dear brother believe me when I tell you that I owe you far more than heart can indite or pen paint. when you found me I was in doubting castle you sent me out I hope to the glory of God if I want any thing in the world it is to do good I want to live in the very valley of humility that I may be prepared for glory when I am called there with you I expect to wear a massy crown, Glory hallalujah to God for what I feel in my soul now. I brother visited me a long while and tell me how you are coming on there speak you whole mind to me as to one that wants the presence of instruction. I am yours till death
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My dear brother
I hope I am
writing to you
I am
yours affectionately
James O'Connell

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Give my love to Sister
Finley excuse my bad Write
for I was raised a plough
boy

Dear brother dont fail to
favour me with a letter
if you please give me some
particulars how you are progressing
among the Savages,

and as a father would a son
give me some lessons if
there are any thing in me that
is not right reprove rebuke
or exhort as you think best
when I think about the station
I am trying to fill it makes me
shudder and cry a god I'm a child
there is nothing but a sense of duty
that would make me leave my
all. Lord bless you and me keep
us faithful at last give us a
crown in bright glory - Farewell

J P Finley
William Simms