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## Letter from Emily Troth to James B. Finley

Emily Troth

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August 28<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Uncle

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines and as circumstances will not permit you cannot expect me to propound to you a long epistle

We are well at present Father has been absent from home almost a week on a visit to his farm in darke so we expect him home in a day or two.

Sister Caroline is in Chillicothe she was well when she left home about two weeks ago We have heard of you being in Chillicothe several times and would be very glad indeed when you visit there again you would come to Bainbridge and bring Aunt Hannah and stay some time with us and preach for us.

We should like very much indeed if you would visit us as often as possible and give us some of your plain & solemn and (ought to be) severe sermons in order to suit the people of Bainbridge

Religion is at quite a low ebb in town our quarterly meeting commenced today and we hope the church will be revived again and many hardened sinners be brought to <sup>see</sup> their awful condition

We stand very much in need of a revival the church has been praying for a revival and we do sincerely hope to have one for indeed it is a melancholy thought when we take in consideration the condition

Ohio  
Franklin Co  
Bainbridge  
Dear James D. Smith

Emily Smith  
1847



(some of them)

of Bainbridge the people appear to delight <sup>in</sup> any thing  
else more than that which should concern them most.  
But notwithstanding the cold languid state of Zion  
there are yet a few zealous devoted members of the  
church who we sincerely trust will be faithful until  
death and finally receive a crown of everlasting  
life. And as you are absent from us pray O pray  
especially for Bainbridge.

The bible says the effectual fervent prayer of the  
righteous man availeth much and blessed be the Lord for  
the consolations which that holy book affords. "When we  
are afflicted or cast down under clouds of gloom and  
darkness we can open the bible and on its sacred  
pages find words of comfort which enable us to  
look beyond this vale of tears to that heavenly rest where  
sorrow and sighing never can come and where sickness  
and death never enter."

Glory be to God for the comforting influence which the  
religion of Jesus Christ affords. well might the poet  
exclaim

It calms our fears it soothes our sorrows

It smooths our way o'er life's rough sea

Though surrounded with ~~the~~ every thing calculated to  
make us happy and blest with the kindest parents yet  
without the religion of Jesus Christ we are miserable  
but with the love of God burning upon the altar of our

hearts we are enabled to rejoice though we should  
be deprived of the comforts of life.  
Father has not yet joined the church but we do hope  
he will be brought to see his awful condition we all  
in our weak way to pray for him we ask your  
prayers for his behalf that we may yet see him  
become a lively member of the church.  
As it is now almost time to go to church I must  
close with the sincere desire that you would come  
to Bainbridge whenever you can.

Mother sends her best love to you and earnestly  
requests that you would come to see us and bring  
Aunt Hannah with you and spend some time with us.

write soon and inform us of Aunt  
Hannah's health

your affectionate niece

Emily Proth