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Washington

6 Aug 1926

My dear Mr,

You surely will not hesitate to visit us, as you are within less than a days ride of Washington. We shall expect you and your companions.

My family enjoy usual health. It was our intention to visit Ohio this summer, but I fear we shall not be able to accomplish it.

I have felt much anxiety about your health since I heard of your first attack - but, I hope with care you will be relieved from all apprehensions of the disease you name.

Our lives at best are short, and some means will not be wanting very soon to stop our career. Yes, twenty, or at most forty years, will leave few of those, who are now forty on the stage. If our part shall be well acted - if we shall answer the end of our creators, it may not be very important whether our ~~years~~ ^{days} shall be many or few. But, we have so many endearments around us, so much to commend

our affections, it is not wonderful that the thought
of separation should often be painful. Nothing
but the christian's hope, and the christian's triumph
can draw our attachments from earth.

Sincerely & truly yours

Res James B Finley

John McLean

If you should see Bishop McKendree present
me most affectionately to him, and tell him,
that I shall expect him at my house when
he visits Washington.