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Letter from Squire Gray Eyes to James B. Finley

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Dear Sir or Friend,

I regret very much that I have not written to you sooner. I therefore this day came to a final conclusion that I would write. I am happy to inform you that I am yet blessed with a good health and also my friends are well, and I am still more happy to my old friend that I am yet in the service of my Lord. I have not yet forgot how pray and do pray every day, with hopes that the Lord will keep my soul when death calls my body to the cold grave. When many of our old friends have gone both of my brothers have bin call away since once have came to our instruction and I am determined when I meet them in heaven we shall part no more. I hope to visit you are yet in the service of our great Father. Suffer me to say how much you may to conscience for this time may be short than this world.

However short I do wish that you would meet with an opportunity to visit is again indeed it would gratify me very much. Above all you must write to me soon give respect to all my knowing friends and to the church members. 

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Dear Sir or friend,

I regret very much that I have not written to you sooner. I therefore this day came to a final conclusion that I would write. I am happy to inform you that I am yet blessed with a good health and also my family are well. And I am still more happy to tell my old friend that I am yet in the service of my Lord. I have not yet forgotten how pray and do pray every day with hopes that the Lord will bless my soul when death calls my body to the cold grave, where many of our old friends have gone. Both of my brothers have been called away since we have come to our Mo. home and I am determined to meet them in heaven where we shall part no more. I hope that you are yet in the service of our great father. Suffer me to say, however much you may, to continue for our time may be short that in this world.

However great I do wish that you would meet with an opportunity to visit us again. Indeed it would gratify me very much. Above all you must write to me soon. Give my respect to all my ______ friends and to the church members.

______ from your respectful friend

Squire Grey Eyes