

From Thomas McCleary to Hugh D. Fisher

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Blairsville

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Rev[.] Hugh D[.] Fisher;

Dear Bro'

I have read with thrilling interest and gratitude the account of your Providential escape from the hands of the Rebbels and I rejoice to know that my old and dear friend still lives. Bless the Lord for his goodness. I felt like joining with you, & your wife & little ones in praising God for his wonderful kindness to you and family.

Please accept the [mite?] within as a fe[e]ble expression of gratitude and love for you and yours. I said to a brother that I intended to send you something and he handed me a Dollar to help [MS. illegible].

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We are plodding on in the old fashion and things are so monotonous that you in the midst of scenes so exciting would feel but little interest in them.

The best of all is the Lord is still with us.

Our Black Lick Campmeeting was good[.] 40 or more gave their names as Probationers. The District is in great peace and we hope that next week our Elder W[.] [Lynek?] will have a mother for his children. She now resides in Zanesville Oh[.]

Poor suffering Kansas! We hope that she may rise in her strength and demolish border ruffians "red tape" and all that opposes freedom.

Please accept our most earnest

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wishes for your wellfair and Mrs[.] Mc[Cleary] joins in love to you, and your wife and little ones.

As ever yours in Christian and paternal bonds.

Thos. McCleary