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Dear Sir, <sup>Edward Norris Kirk</sup>

The bearer is the Rev Mr.

Whipple. He has been spending several weeks with me in the midst of this glorious & powerful work of God. He can tell you more about it than I have time to write.

Great multitudes of every class are hoping.

The Lord <sup>has</sup> especially displayed his grace among the Lawyers & the principal men & women. The work is very general & increasing. I was called out of bed last night & converse & pray with a Lawyer who has been standing out till he could resist no longer.

A large proportion of the Lawyers in town are hoping, & I suspect most if not all the rest are under conviction.

The work has been & still is exceedingly powerful among the first & most influential people. The High Sheriff a brother of Dr. Livingstone of Phila. was hopefully converted last week & a number of others of the same class.

I have been unwell several days but am now better. The good work has begun in many towns around here. I know Dr. Kirk you can't tell how much I want your help.

The Lord seems ready to work in all this region. I have preached in several of the towns.



In every instance, the Lord has come down & commenced a work upon the spot.

Mr Whipple is a man of our views of things.

Why will you not let him take your place & come & help me. Dr. H. I think I must have your help.

I doubt not if you were here, you might be instrumental in the conversion of thousands in a few months.

Don't think the 4<sup>th</sup> Chh in A. of more importance than this great work. So has Bro. Berman agreed about Troy until God has laid him aside.

That it is your duty immediately to become an evangelist I am persuaded. I never was I in any region of country where the fields were so ripe as in this. I have preached incessantly until I am almost exhausted I get the Macedonian cry comes upon every breeze.

If I could lay this whole subject before you I don't believe you would dare to stay in Albany another week, but would for a time at least fly to my aid. I am nearly exhausted & yet all the towns & counties in this region are not only open but waving to the harvest.

Extemporary preaching will be followed by the reap. Preaching seasons won't collect the people.

The great work here has, like the bursting of a shell set the whole region on fire. Ministers & Christians from every direction are converging in to behold the



wonderful works of God. I hear of no counting  
nor opposition, as yet from Ministers nor others  
of any denomination. Sinners have from  
the beginning of this work, been so awed  
that I have heard very little of opposition  
from any quarter.

Indeed they so entirely rounded the matter  
in their opposition at Troy & Albany in that  
region that even ~~sinners~~, as in this place,  
people have seemed to stand amazed & said  
"What could all that opposition mean"

It will be surprising however if opposition does  
not arise soon from some quarter.

If Br. Whipple does not go immediately to A.  
I shall send this by mail.

Write me immediately whether you will come  
& help me.

Take a trip out here & see me, at all events, &  
we will talk the matter over.

I know what your people will say. But they are  
selfish. So said Puritan people, they laughed at

at <sup>all</sup> my intreaties to have B. become an  
Evangelist or leave them for another place.

Now I believe the Lord is cursing them & him  
too. Think of this Br. H. I come & see me.

If 20 evangelists were here of the right stamp  
there is more than labor enough for them all  
Your Brother forever.

Charles Grandison Finney C. G. Finney