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### Letter to Rachel Denison

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My dear dear Sister! Ch. 01/112  
Your letter come to hand a few days since.  
I am very glad that you still remember us this afar off - and  
still more rejoice that your health is reestablished. We  
have seen much affliction; but thro' the consideration & conviction  
that it come from Him who knoweth what is best for us we are  
content, and pain would be glad. By the same Being  
who chastised us are now restored to perfect health, & as far  
as the state and nature of this sublunary world will per-  
mit, to happiness. Salmon's troubles were meant to bring  
him near to his God and here they will not fail of hav-  
ing this effect. - If we, my dear Sister, were to see & realize  
a Particular Providence in all which befalls, or is apprehended  
befall us; the cup of sorrow would be deprived of its bit-  
tleness and the arrows of affliction, of their poison.

M<sup>r</sup> Chap is now in better health than at any time since  
she came to this place. Now clearing is a day of sun shine after  
a long season of gloomy and cloudy weather! Childer  
is grown hearty again, & as for myself pretty well.  
The great expence we were at in the time of our sickness  
we caused some of my friends in this place to send, un-  
known to me, a Memorial to the Vestry of Trinity  
Church, for my relief they have reported and  
heard in my favor - to the amount of 150.  
This will enable me to pay off many of my debts &  
begin to live again. For this I am exceedingly thankful.  
Th<sup>o</sup> God knows how unworthy I am for such signal  
blessings. We have now with us ~~two~~ Two Little Boys  
for the boarding and educating of whom I receive 50¢  
per ann: <sup>currency</sup> each. If I could be sure of 5 or 6 more  
I would invite you to come over & help take  
the charge of them; in which case we could be able  
to afford you 100 Dollars a year besides your board.  
This Arithmetical part in pecuniary matters is ne-  
cessary - altho' between an affectionate Brother & Sister  
I trust <sup>there</sup> would ~~be~~ be far more noble motives in the  
proportion of the Plan. Be it as it may - I pray  
you to hold yourself in readiness to gratify the wishes  
of a fond Brother whenever he can make it an object  
to you. I seriously contemplate the business - and  
in case I am once success in completing the number  
of boys, with Gods blessing I have no doubt but



but it will be permanent.

I wish you would write to me immediately after reception of this; telling me how it would suit you to come and spend ~~any~~ 4, 5, 6 or an indefinite number of years with us on the following conditions &c. To be boarded and have the society of, & make happy, your Brother & Sister; To take the charge of the English education of 8 or 10 young boys and receive every quarter of a year 25 Dollars. You will I suppose have to spend as much as 4 hours in a day with them the rest you may spend in mending your duds and in reading for your own amusement, and for the instruction of a young woman who is coming to live with us.

This last named person is blind - and one of the best good Christians you ever saw. She is to live with us for the purpose of attaining a knowledge of the scriptures of history geography &c. She is of a rich family and will be enabled to furnish herself with a choice Library which no doubt you would be

glad to glean. Will you come and enable me to carry on this excellent plan? If you will it may be well for you - and I am sure it will be so for us; for I am not able to live upon the money which I now receive in these hard times. Write me your mind and in case you consent to come I will set myself about procuring the sufficient number of Boys: And if I succeed we will contrive the most speedy and proper way of getting you

here. What will our Dear Parents think of this? This staggers me - Bray consult all things, and determine. At the same time I wish you not to wonder the matter as certain till you hear from me again for fear of a disappointment. If I am positive the boys at all I shall not expect they will come till spring.

I do not know of any important news which I can tell you - we have gotten a New Bishop - now The Right Reverend Benjamin Moore D.D. one of the best men in the world.

I have not rec'd a letter from our Mother & Father since I wrote him. I would very glad to receive an answer to the things I wrote in my last to him. I am astonished at Mr Bearfield's getting into W. Orders he is as arrogant an Importer as breathes. I was told by a Member of the late Convention in Conn. that he appeared there for the purpose of being put into the Ministry - but as soon as he had received the sac. (horrible to relate) got most shamefully rebuked!!! I have written to the Map<sup>r</sup> Clergy & Bp. about the bill - I am sure if there be any discipline he will soon be deposed.

Our love & duty our Parents  
Pough<sup>t</sup> 12 Nov 1801 God bless you  
E. Chase



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