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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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to Mrs. Davenport

Wilmington Ohio. July 7 1818

My dear Sister

K. Ch. 180707

Your affectionate letter sympathizing with me in my late bereavement, was recd. a few days ago. I am not without hope indeed, in mourning for my dear Mary: her life though not faultless was uniformly an exemplification of sincere piety towards God and good will towards man: and as she lived even so she died. Her faith never for a moment left her. She knew on whom she had believed - even on Him who "shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" and, after worms shall <sup>have</sup> destroyed our mortal bodies shall again raise them to immortal life and beauty. "O! Thou who once raised Lazarus from the tomb, raise me up at the last day!" were her precise words and among the last she uttered. Blessed sanctified Spirit, thy pray will be heard: Jesus, as he thought of Lazarus & because he loved him, <sup>he</sup> "went to wake him" - even so Jesus because he loved thy faith & piety, will

think of thee, will come in his own  
good time and wake thee from thy  
long sleep and raise thee from thy  
cold bed. Even so come Lord Jesus.

The little babes my dear Mary left me are  
now sleeping sweetly by my side: Dudley in his  
crib-bed, and Mary in the cradle. I have risen  
early to take care of them, especially little Mary  
while her Aunt Almira cannot <sup>some sleep,</sup> ~~get~~  
after a fatiguing night in taking care of her. The dear  
little infant never has been well as the children. Tho'  
a proper child she seems to inherit her mother's last  
illness - to be of a tender constitution, perhaps too much  
so to afford good grounds to hope we can rear her. Yet  
we fondly hope; and lately there is, I think, more  
reason to hope than at first. One thing is certain  
we have done all in our power to keep this last legacy  
of my loved wife with us. For some time we had a  
wet nurse - but she having another child (tho' nothing  
else to do and the whole services of Sister Almira at  
her control) did not answer our purpose. We dis-  
charged her; and following the advice of two of our best  
Physicians did not procure another; but depended en-  
tirely on bringing her up by hand, on a preparation of Cow  
milk. Since that she has certainly grown more than  
before. Almira, deeply, and for a time I feared inconsola-  
bly, afflicted by the death of her sister, has turned all  
the exertions of mind and body to the Babe. Tho'  
formerly much given to sound sleep she now wakes  
at the least uneasiness of the child and rises, with  
the alacrity of the tenderest of Mothers, to minister to  
her infantile wants. How good is God to train us  
by affliction to resemble Him in goodness!  
Dudley is strong and hearty; perhaps more so than any

child we were had. The company of Mr Evans & his  
family Children, has led him out much into the sun and  
open air, so that he is as brown as Canadian Indians.

Mentioning Mr Evans family: Tell my much  
revered and loved Mother-in-law Mr & Mrs Gray that they  
are all well. and so far as I am concerned. Mr & Mrs work  
on my farm while his family for a while are in  
the same house with myself. It was comforting to  
my dear wife in her last illness that Mary was  
by her. — I am building a small dwelling for  
them. ~~The money is up and after harvest is in~~  
if God permit be fitted for their abode.

George is engaged in business on very advan-  
geous terms with Dr. Deland. We have reason  
to expect he will do well.

As to myself I have prayed to God most devout-  
ly and constantly for grace to support the  
heavy afflictions which he has seen fit to lay upon me  
— In the death of my wife I experienced the Divine  
assistance — but in the disappointment occasioned  
by Philander's unexpected & ill-advised project of go-  
ing to Mexico I feel but little consolation. It might  
have been prevented had my friends for a moment  
reflected on my desire of coming to this country  
and in the fulfilling of this design how much  
need I should have of Philander's aid & services  
in regard both to my temporal & spiritual  
concerns. If I had not been so communicative  
on this score, had they a right to suppose no such  
things existed. When they ~~proposed~~ <sup>proposed</sup> in a mat-  
ter where myself alone was concerned. I made  
sacrifices enough, it should be supposed, already  
in forgoing the society of my children for their  
good, now to be indulged with a little of their  
company & assistance myself — especially in mat-  
ters tending to the glory of God in building up his  
Church in this western world. O my full heart!  
I can write no more — well that my sheet is finished  
your loving Brother Philander

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*My darling son. 25 July*

*Miss Rachel Denison  
 care of Dr. J. D. Denison  
 Weymouth  
 Vermont*

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*Nothing in  
 Dr. C. Denison  
 July 7, 1878  
 on the death of his  
 only son*

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*If you should see fit in his Providence to  
 permit a short visit to be made in August next for the  
 purpose of office to be connected with you by my  
 conversation. This summer it will probably  
 take place in Philadelphia in all the month  
 of September - many see the beginning of the  
 month. All as yet however is uncertain as  
 the different intellectual authorities have not*

*With sincere desire to be respectfully  
 remembered to you & Mrs. Denison. A letter filed  
 with the kindest expressions from Mrs. Denison  
 to hand the same time with yours. I mean  
 over to which may be read this letter to  
 you and at the same time I mean to  
 kind of remembrance and of my confidence  
 & haven't forgotten her.*