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Letter to Rachel Denison

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My dear sister:

27. of Decr. 1840

I read with grateful emotions your few words of p. 1. in a letter to Laura. I have reason to be thankful that your health is good; also that of your beloved family: and that your most beloved Relatives at Bethel and Randolph are well.

The same mercies by a kind Providence are extended to us here in the far West; for altho' my dear wife by reason of her having to do all the work in the kitchen as well as be my Post Master and keep us all so neatly clad, is very much fatigued and worn down yet she continues in good spirits and is the main spring of our domestic happiness.

As to myself there is no alteration except that I think I am every day more & more grateful to the Good God who orders all things in mercy to those who put their trust in him. — I rise every day long before daylight as I always have done. We have both wood and stone coal in plenty. The fire is never out. The whole night having continued to burn in the grate I renew it with a little wood and abundance of Coal in the morning as soon as I stoke from my bed so that ere I am

dropped there is a blazing hot fire when I make
my toilette and go to my work. And what you
will ask is "that now in my old age?" - Answer
I am preparing my "Reminiscences." Of the
printing of them I have told you before in
a respectful what I beg you to circulate e-
verywhere. - But this is a digression from the
subject matter of their contents. Their great ob-
ject is the vindication of Religion & Christian
Morals: and altho' the reader is not told of
this in so many words, yet I trust he will
be impressed with the truth of this remark ex-
perimentally before he has done even with
One No.^r

Our own family will be no further
spoken of than will gratify every generous
reader who may take an interest in my un-
worthy self. & The goodness of God will be every
where conspicuous

I shall have the following. Stories in it
viz: 1. "The Pine Apple" illustration of the sin of Covetousness
2. Conscience its own accuser - My fellow Boy Bill
3 Depreciated Currency. The Physician & Book seller

4. A lying spirit exercised - The boy who feined himself dumb.
 5. "The begonia" The evil consequences of self justification.
 6. Female fortitude, or the first female settler above N.H.
 7. Self destroying Tyrant, Revenge.
 8. Leaving Hartford! Gods power & wisdom on Lake Erie.
 9. The Appignation of a Missy and his wife in Cleveland.
 8. Big babes in the woods. Or the misguided Parson and planter in the wilds west Florida -
- Uc Uc Uc.

This is not the order in which these stories will stand for I have numbered them accidentally.

There will be a thread of Narrative thro' the whole tho' the Chapters will be all distinct. I pray the work (if printed) may do good to the souls of men as well as to myself now destitute of the means of living. I shall set down nothing but facts; and deduce no reflections but such as will tend to holiness and peace.

My dear Wife desires to be kindly remembered to you, my dear sister; and I hope you'll not forget me when speaking to all friends especially to your husband who I hope by this time is a sound Churchman.

May God bless you all in the devout
 prayer of your loving brother
 Philander

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