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Letter to Laura Chase

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Jubilee College Nov. 30-42

My dear Laura:

I believe I am in debt to you for a letter: or if it should prove other wise it is not much matter. - I have caught a bad cold and am confined this week weather to my room for the most part. Besides this I laugh nearly all night and so am quite stupid in the day time. If this should prove to you that I am old don't be alarmed. only pray earnestly that your Grand Father who loves you dearly maybe prepared & I wish that with my ill health I had an exemption from care: but this is far from being the case. We have 16 hands 12 oxen and 9 horses continually at work for the College. We quarry & draw stone: logs to the mill and lumber them. Coal from the pit and wood from the forest. - So you see we intend God willing to "go ahead" and be prepared to work in the coming season.

Our Uncle Dudley is a good preacher. He is one of my first dear Philander. Last Sunday he preached 20 miles from this at Farmington. He went on Sat. and returned on Monday during the coldest weather the thermometer being 9.° below zero. - Yet God be thanked his health does not seem to have suffered. He looks better now than in the

summer. Her studies very hard and writes a great deal but, as you know all the Tues were in bed and to do, sleeps immoderately long in the morning. How is it with you in this respect? This was never my fault. Indeed I wish it would cleave unto me for a short time: for lately slumber seems to have departed from mine eyes I can awake the most part of the night.

Our dear Church continues to increase. We have now above 80 communicants.

Notice of the intended Ordination of D. Southgate on the 4th Sunday in Advent was sent by East Mail to the Christian Witness in Boston. This event is important being the first Ordination in Jubilee Chapel. You may imagine how it affects me. The Candidate having been considered God prepared her it endears it to our memories and hearts best affections.

The Rev. Mr. S. Chau will preach the Sermon and the Rev. Mr. Douglass will prepare the Candidate. See us have your prayers Dear Laura that a blessing may attend us.

We are all well. Mary is sometimes afflicted with her old complaint the headache but on the whole I don't think she suffers so much now as formerly from this troublesome complaint.

I suppose you already apprized that we have all moved from the Robinson to Jubilee Cottage. The house is finished but the Kitchen Part is yet behind - We have also a brick wash & baking and ironing house yet to finish. It is only partially erected & stands as a monument of our procrastinating habits.

I suppose someone has told you if I have not that Mr Bennett and Miss Janet Ingraham have made a match. They were married on the 10th of this month and when our additional building to this house shall have been finished they will be our daily companions at meals. At present they stay at the Next.

Mr Pruell and Sarah and their sweet baby B. Sophia. Ruth and Sarah Samuel are all well; and even Mr Chase himself bears the cold weather better than I feared he would.

Your Dear Aunt is as industrious and economical as ever. If poor Jubilee runs in debt 3000 or 4000 as Kenyon I hear has done it will not be the fault of the Bishop's wife. Never were greater sacrifices than those she has made all her life long for the good of the Church. - Don't forget to mention us kindly to all in Newdolph & Bethel. - I trust we shall all meet in a better place soon though I must be saved. - May God bless you dear Laura - P. Chase

Free place
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