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Letter to Laura Chase

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My dear Grand Daughter

Yours of the 4th inst^l - came

to day - It is melancholy to think of my dear
 Sister Rachael's continued illness - We are
 so nearly of an age and have played so much
 together in our infancy and childhood and
 sympathized so much together in our riper
 years that the thoughts of her sufferings
 are more than I can bear, without spe-
 cial aid. I wish I could see her and pray with
 her and talk of another and better world with
 one so dear to me in this.

You are not of your Mother's health is by
 no means flattering - do give my love
 to her. Dear Brother Simon! - your ac-
 of seeing him and Brother Dudley at
 Church together was very gratifying -

I rejoice at your increasing affluence
 for your Brother in Law Mr. T. List May
 God continue him a blessing to you all

A few days ago I read Mr. Sabine's little

Book. His scriptural proofs of the 2d ad-
vent of our Lord are what I have long dwelt
on with (I hope sincere faith) but I never
applied them as he does.

I am sorry to see so grave a subject
made a matter of camp meeting excitement.

The more I am convinced of the speedy coming
of Jesus the more should strive to be constant
at my post of duty. visiting the fatherless and
widows in their affliction and keep myself
by the grace of God unspotted from the world

- A meek and quiet spirit is of great price in
the sight of God; to acquire which I have no
other than that it is my duty to seek the tented field.

Oh I was very much surprised at the P. S
of Mr Sabine. - May the restraining grace
of God keep him from the sin intimated there.

Dear Laura! I rejoice that you are not carried
away with this blast of Millenism. Keep you
at home. Watch & pray, try to do good by feed-
ing the hungry and clothing the naked. Look-
ing always to Jesus the author & finisher of our faith.

It is a very cold winter. All of you have about
- I never coughed so much before. My Mugby our
house keeper has been laid up with a felon on her
thumb so that all duty of that sort has fallen on the
shoulders of my dear wife. I never saw her so fatigued
as she is every night.

Will you believe it there are now besides the
scholars - more than 30 persons in our employ
- what are we all doing - am I trying to
build up free College.

Last evening Dr Southgate was ordained by
Uncle D. read morning prayer. The Rev. S. Chase
preached a capital sermon & five persons were
united - the sac^t administered to 53 -
Mr Coolidge was one of the persons confirmed
and a more altered man you never saw.

I am myself writing my 5th No of Reminisc
I am just now today in Congress and after speak-
ing with respect of friends & Brother the Sen-
ator from Vermont. I have him now in a
new eye as he will then to rejoice with me at
the passage of my bill for a 400,000 of land for
Kenyon College thro' the Senate.
I hope you'll read in the "Witness" about our "Missionary Mill"
wheels all going but not a kernel in the hopper for the poor
missionaries bread - Men nearly starved.

We all send love to you: and beg you to mention
us kindly to all dear friends -
Tell me in your next what that "pernicious doctrine"
is which the Millerites preach in your Church

free
St. Charles
Pa. A.

Miss Laura Chase
W. Randolph
Vermont

Robinson
Dec 22

Laura Smith Collection



Sam! Samson will be printed: I will send
you a copy when it comes from the press
I want an OX teamster or two. Don't laugh at
this! but if you knew what service they would be to the
mission of our College you would not wonder. please

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