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Letter to Rachel Denison

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Dear very dear Sister Rachel.

I rec^d. your daughters letter of the 26th hlt^o written in your name in an^t to mine of the 2^d. Jan: by the last mail. I read it and my wife & daughter read it and we all feel deeply affected wth its contents. I mean those parts which relate to our dear Brother Dudley. His age is little more than yours and mine is only a little less. Together we were children - together we were young - and together we are old, and together we must die - God grant the crowning blessing of all, that together we may go to Heaven. Now, dear Sister, put all these things together and there is cause for joy and not for grief - You remember the illustration I gave you by means of the Milkweed worms. While in their earthly condition on the leaves of the Weed they highly esteemed their enjoyments and shuddered at the approach of death. - But God had ordered that they after death should pass into another and a better state - that of the birds of the air. Even so we believe that Christ having died for us, has in deed risen for our justification and opened the kingdom of glory to all believers. May God strengthen us in this belief - & keep alive this hope in our bosoms making us rejoice in tribulation - subservient for the present that we may reign with Christ hereafter.

I am glad to hear that you have hopes that your dear
James will return with your dear Dudley in the
Spring from Texas. It will rejoice your heart to see him
one more.

It also gives me pleasure to learn that
brother Denison's health is better than usual.

As to our own affairs here at Jubilee I may truly say we
have reason for continual praise and thanksgiving
to our Heavenly Father for general good health and
great prosperity. Our Churches increase and our
school is well and doing well. The numbers of our
little ones on the Hill are continually growing.
With Samuels & - we have 9. already and before
midsummer I trust they will increase to a baker's
dozen, and as snows increase something to
fill them increases also. Our corn and flour
mills are nearly completed we have cokes
and the flour of the finest wheat in plenty.
And as for means for reimment as well as food
the good God is not unmindful of us. Our
Clip of wool this year will exceed 1.2 ~~and~~
fleeces and the lambs will (we trust) nearly
reach to the number of 800 - the tithe of
which have made their appearance already
As to Cheese and butter of Rise we rather fail
in these for want of Milkers - can't you

dear husband send me some from your
land of Davies. —

I am loth to speak of my
own personal health, for the injuries which I
received on the Alleghenies last fall, I fear will
never be healed. I have written to England for
advice; but the prescriptions are so compli-
cated and need so much expense before they
can be obeyed that I fear I must fore-
go them all and die a Cripple.

I said we were all in good health. I should
have excepted our dear Dudley, who is feeble.
At present however he is better and we hope
will still increase to convalescence. All the
Churches around us to whom he when in
health ministers think highly of this dear
Preacher of the Gospel of the Blessed Jesus.
May God (for their sakes) have pity on us and
spare this youthful Minister many years to
us. This Jesus Christ our Lord,

Make my loving regards acceptable to Dr. Brother
the Dr. and his and your dear Dr. Joseph, &
when you see the Bethel & Randolph friends
say everything that is kind in the name of
our behalf of you. Most affectionate Brother

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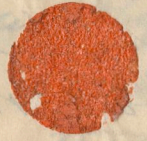
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Mrs Rachel Denison
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