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Letter to Rachel Denison

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Jubilee College

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My dear Sister Rachel:

I have heard no
thing of the particulars of our dear Brother
Dudley, death or funeral:—

A flying report thro' the Mess^r Cummings
has reached me that he was dead. — And
then some one said that they heard he
was buried not in Bethel to rest with
his dear Relatives but in Randolph.

This is about all that has reached me as
yet: but it is enough to make me sad. — Tears
flow from my eyes now that I am writing about
it. Into your tender bosom I would drop my
tears if you were present — but you are afar off
and I am here alone to bear my sorrows in
solitude. I am not well — My nights are restless

Besides the Pains I endure from my stage coach
-injury which deprive me of my sleep - I have en-
dured much anxiety on account of our dear Larah
Samuel's Wife: - She had lately been put to bed
with a fine daughter but suffers much herself
so that the Company of my dear Wife has been re-
quired to keep alive the hope of her recovery: - and
this during the night as well as the day. - Being un-
able to go abroad and exercise as I used to do my
time hangs heavily - I sit down & try to read or
write but soon fall to sleep. - At times however
when the weather is fine I go into the College
garden and direct how things should be done; but
costs me some Pains & trouble to ascend the uphill
lawn to the house. ~ ~ ~

But this is talking of myself too much. There are a
thousands of more important subjects with which to fill
up my letter.

Dudley's death has brought me nearer to the world of
spirits than any thing else for many years. I have
just been addressing Simeon as now my Only Brother
and now I address you as my Only Sister. What solemn
truths do these addresses suggest to me? - Did I ever
think it would be so?

Mar: 23^d - Since writing what is on the other
leaf. I have received a letter from Judge Thomas
Pupell giving me a detailed acct. of the
last sufferings and death of your Dear Brother
Dudley: He says you were at his funeral &
that Mr. Clap preached about the Resurrection
from the words of your Law to the sisters of Lazarus.
- This is the blessed theme, which you
know I delight to dwell on. Here it is not
for the Resurrection our Redemption would
not be finished in our justification. For it
is said that he died for our sins and rose for
our justification. Our faith would be vain, if the
dead rise not. Our Brother then, shall arise with
you and me and all our dear family. -
This is what comforts me in the loss of them here
and in my own certain progress to the grave my-
self. And a consolation it is beyond all others the
most precious.

I am happy to tell you that Sarah I am well
hath recovered; and is likely soon to be about. Trade very well
The rest of us quite well. My dear wife worn out with care
and fatigue - but quite healthy and sends her best love.
A soft rain is falling this morning & the field begin to be
quite verdant. I wrote this before breakfast on Sunday morning.
I preached in the morning of yesterday & read prayer for the evening
service. - Some ladies from Ruxville a village about 36 m west of you
were present and are now at Dudley. Ever faithful Phil^r Chase
Love to all

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