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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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To Miss Rachel Denison

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Public College Sunday Evening  
April 3 - 1846

My very dear Niece;

By a refusal

of your very good letter accompanying that of your  
excellent Mother I fear I have incurred your censure  
for not answering your good communications giving  
me so acceptably, the minute account of what took place  
at the Departure of those whom I so much loved your un-  
cle Dudley and estimable Wife; I feel reproved  
at the thought of having seemed to be ungrateful to you  
and want once more to be reconciled to you. To which I  
can devise no way so certain as to sit down at once  
and address you as I have done your Mother, nor my  
only Sister. And this I will do I hope with more me-  
thod than is displayed in <sup>my</sup> letter to her. — The truth is  
when I write to her I am always "in a passion" of  
brotherly kindness. my whole moral frame is agitated  
with a deep sense of long since formed and long  
cherished affection; and giving my sentiments utterance  
touching any thing wherein her happiness is involved I  
fail of my duty for want of coolness in the choice of  
word and prudence in their arrangement. I believe  
I have now told you the truth tho' I am ashamed of the clumsy  
manner of doing it — Thus one hour is filled to little purpose

and now in return for your kindness in telling me in the best man-  
ner of all "particulars" of the sad scenes lately passed in the death  
and burial of those mentioned; your father's brother and of good  
brother Byge Lake Cotton - all of which I'll cherish as ornaments  
of my own fast hastening to the world of spirits - now what shall  
I say to reward you as I ought? Must I preach a Sermon to you?  
Dear Rachel I have done this today in the College Chapel in  
my poor way till my mind ~~is~~ wants relaxation like a bow that  
has been too long bent: and this more especially do I feel to be  
true because my sermon was not written beforehand:  
It was on the Communion of the Lords supper. The text was "Behold  
the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29  
You may be surprised that I fall into this love habit in my  
old age. "Why" (you'll ask) do I not have recourse to my written  
discourses - Ans - "Because I don't like them. They are  
too cold for one who is just about entering into the presence  
of his Judge where he must give an acc of all the opportunities  
neglected to make men hate sin and love holiness: and  
humbly to bring them to Christ whose blood alone cleanseth  
from all sin. There is another reason why I never follow  
the old tract - and that is because there is an old enemy  
in a new shape broken into the Lord's Vineyard. He is tearing  
- up the plants long since in full bearing and must  
be opposed on the spot with weapons peculiarly adapted to  
his williness and strength or the whole will be laid waste  
To conquer such an enemy my weapons are not able to pierce  
his firm sides. They need shapening on the spot and  
the aid of God to drive them home. But this is sermon  
is only about the mode making a sermon. A poor way  
of shortening my trouble of writing particulars letters  
How another here is some full grown amers

You must remember that our congregation at Jubilee has swarmed for times of late and yet the old time today was quite full. We had 47 communicants. The Rev. S. Chase assisted me in the service being bolstered up in the pulpit of Incumber. The dear man is not well being afflicted with a cold complaint. Sarah his wife is getting well. The little babe is with us here at the Cottage.

Dudley came in this evening & says his congregation at Zion Brimfield - 6 miles from us was well attended and that the Sunday school taught by Mr. Child, and our Cassid sales for orders is increasing. It is now nearly 60. I have not heard of the 3 other churches - but presume they were full as usual.

Now I know not how you may regard this as a sign of what God is doing for us - but to us who know how terrible when we first came among them were prejudices against us. The whole is more than Marston. My family have come in for prayers so I stay -

I had written this far last night - This morning Monday! sove conscious of many blessings. The shower of last night had repaired the whole face of nature - Green grass in the long extended meadow lands. The trees budding - the garden full of culinary vegetables. Peas in long rows nearly in blossom - Onions fit for use. Heads of salad enough for all our tables. Asparagus in abundance and Pea plants for tarts to satisfy many. ~~When~~ and what shall I say of what I saw issuing from the folds of Jubilee - 12,000 sheep & 4000 carcasses - and when Henry came in he assured me of the great blessings which God is giving us in the success of our Mill establishment, by these He is giving us literally our daily bread, yet bread without money & without price for all our large establishment.

Soon after this the mail came in bringing letters from our friends in Old England filled with loving kindness.

Monday evening. The day is closed in great serenity.  
Sarah's sweet babe is still quite well - Sarah herself is recovered  
- Sam! who has just left me is patient and I think now well  
with his boots on. The dear Scholars are content and doing well  
- There are between 40- or 50 of them, and a more quiet well  
behaved school is not to be seen. Three of them were admitted as  
candidates for holy orders last week. One of them was Mr Lafford  
dear James (Child's) son. Oh how I wish that your brother Dudley  
had not thought himself above our poor Jubilee nor the Queen  
of the west. Pray think of some other one truly pious  
whom you can persuade to come and study with us -  
We are by God's blessing getting strong and soon will be able to help  
as many as shall offer of the right sort.

Dear Rachel Pray for us. - God hath been with us from the  
beginning - and he still will continue to bless those who put  
their trust in Him. You know what has always been our motto  
Jehovah Jireh. This was manifest to us this day - we were in  
great want of money to pay for wheat to render our Mills of  
any avail to us. - They must be kept running for they'll  
prove a bill of expence to us. - We had agreed for wheat but had  
not money to pay for it and our friends were cold enough to us  
for to lend. - Well what think you? - I told you that our  
friends in England were full of loving kindness and as a proof  
of this I rec'd from them this day another 100 £ bank  
note - meaning me nearly (perhaps more than) 500 - in hand

I tell you this that God may have the Glory &  
honour & praise, and the might the Majesty; and  
the dominion of Heaven & Earth may be ascribed to  
him through Jesus Christ now and forever amen  
Your loving Uncle Philander Chase

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