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Letter to Rachel Denison

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Jubilee College Jan: 25th 1847.

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Dear Sister Rachel

I believe you and your Daughter my dear niece are both of you in my debt about letter writing - But my feelings of tenderness towards you will not allow me to be silent; especially when I have good tidings to communicate.

Imprimis: - We have obtained a Charter for Jubilee College - just such an one as from the beginning admonished by former neglects and abuses, we have desired - a charter so guarded as not to be allowed to dwindle into mere secular learning.

Secondly - Our first commencement is fixed on the 7th day of July next - when we expect many of our friends from a great distance to be present and hear the Orations of our Students and see the aged Bishop Chase confer degrees on such as are found worthy.

Thirdly our friends ~~of~~ Jubilee Hill are all well and full of joy and expressing hearty thanks that God hath at length heard our prayers and crowned our feeble efforts ^{with} such signal success.

Fourthly Our Friends in England do not forget us. and some in our own land seem to remember; ~~ye~~ to remember that we are yet alive.

In the fifth place. I have nearly finished my 8th

Number of Reminiscences; and Mary Ohio
who is now with us as our best companion and her
sing Organist says it will do and be more enter-
taining than any yet published. When I shall get
printed is uncertain. The printing exp^s promised me from
England has not yet arrived - I mean that the money
to purchase me in this country has not yet come but
is expected every mail.

July "The Chares" in Sutton and Vicinity have
had a meeting and resolved to proceed no further till
they hear from me and obtain my consent to act
as the Agents for the heirs of our great Ancestor the
noted Aquila.

"Mercy on us!" you'll say. "Does Bp: Chan of Illinois begin to
believe any thing in this worn out story?" No: dear Sister &
I said as much in answer to them. just as I replied to the
Bishop of New Hampshire when he addressed me on the subject -
Till I see some better evidence of the fact I shall continue to
think it all a hoax or yet:

The letter from Sutton was so respectful and from per-
sons so ardent and withal so friendly to me that I could not
find in my heart to answer them but in very civil terms;
thanking them for the confidence they had reposed in me
and promising that when I wrote or went to England I would
try to fulfil all their wishes so far as my influence might go

They talked about some one from the great meeting held in Yarmouth!! having been to Boston & examined "Documents" In reply I said this word sounds big but in reality it ~~was~~ is no greater than any other word till we know what is in it.

And now dear Sister I would say to you, what I desire God would imprint on my own soul, Let us rather look over and beyond Jordan than trouble ourselves about the miserable enjoyments tasted in the wilderness, Let all our cares and all we do relate to those fields and those imperishable enjoyments which God hath prepared in the heavenly Canaan.

If we get wealth let it serve to increase the army of the faithful who march close to the Ark of the Covenant, the Church of the Ever-blessed Redeemer.

If we taste anything with delight let it be the Manna from above & if we drink let us be sure it is not mixed with the muddy waters of Rome, or of Korah & his Company. In short, let nothing be dear to us but Jesus our True Joshua who, in God's good time, will conduct us in triumph to the Temple in the hill's walls are Salvation whose gates grain.

My dear wife begs to be kindly & most affectionately remembered to you and your good Husband. W. Russell, you know, is all we would wish of an angel in mortal form: she also sends best love. Dudley & his wife & his wife's sister are all well - as are Henry & Philander & Mary my only daughter. Philander lost his sweet babe & namesake some time since. His wife has suffered much, since, but is now getting better. Do let me hear from you, Dear Sister & believe me as always

Your loving Brother
Philander Chase

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