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Letter to Rachel Denison

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My dear Sister Rachel

I believe you are in my debt
for a letter or two: but I don't mind this. — At
our time of life, accounts of this kind ought to be
disregarded that we may attend to more weighty matters
— You have, doubtless, been informed of the late
efforts made by Enemies to ruin our Jubilee College
and with it myself and family & The Main
design I believe was to keep me in a kind of grave
~~which~~ ^{that} they have ever since the trial of B. F. O —
been digging for me, that I might ^{not} stand in their
way when trying to force him again into the
Episcopal Chair of New York. — This main de-
=sign the Editor of the Churchman seemed willing
to accomplish by any means that might
fall in his way. To this end he used hold
of the occasion of the troubles growing out of
the case of the Rev Wm F Walker of Chicago — a
person who for his ill conduct no one esteemed
— By these two gentlemen ~~and~~ a pamphlet
was got up & published anonymously in Ann
Street New York, — and then circulated throughout
the world as widely as possible

While this was going on Dr Leabury attacks me in his Churchman and last of all reviews publicly adopts the sentiments & facts of the honest Pamphlet. —

It was not my first design that anything should appear on my part as a reply. The facts stated were all so without any foundation and so completely disproved, my having obtained a charter that silence was thought to be the best reply.

But my friends thought otherwise: and Samuel agreed to come forward as my advocate; in his little book called Malignity Exposed. This has been sent you and some other of my friends in Bethel & Royall. — After having read it you will excuse me your opinion.

A new edition of Saml's Book may be expected to issue from N. York — a copy of which will be sent to all Dr Leabury's ^{subscribers} and those to whom he has most probably sent his honest pamphlet; or his notes and comments on this extraordinary production.

Now Dear Sister, I have little doubt of your sympathy with me in these singularly sharp sufferings.

But you have one comfort to support you in
your bewailings of my hard lot: and that is that
God is on my side. & that his mighty arm
under me whenever I am like to sink in
the raging waters. — As it was in England
as it was in Ohio — even as now by leaning
on Him I feel secure. More than this
great good will be made to result from
the evil which I suffer. Jubilee College will
be built up more and more as the
enemies strive to pull it down. — So
that I have reason, in the exercise of a
truth faith in God's righteous govern-
ment, to rejoice at my present sufferings.

I wish I had time to tell you you
much. I think of you and your good husband
and dear Rachel and excellent Dudley.
but I must conclude and go to breakfast.
Mary Oliver Chase my dear Grand Daugh-
ter with her Aunt Ann. Wells is here and
making us all happy.

My own Mary you know is married to the
Rev. J. S. Chamberlain. He visits Tremont.
My blessed Wife though constantly at work
is still sustained to be the greatest earthly comfort
of, Dearest Sir Rachel,

Your own & only Brother
Philander Chase

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