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Letter to Rachel Denison

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A.D. 1847

Sabbile College Dorsetth

My dear Sister Rachel;

You and I are the only remaining branches of that once wide and spreading tree of our Father's Family. Twelve out of fourteen, who lived to manhood, have been cut away by the hand of Time. — the Parent stock having fallen with the rest.

I feel this now, more than ever: — and the scenes which have passed while we were together seem now to rise to my view with a colouring of real life more vivid than in proportion to their distance from the events which are now existing.

This is human life! how frail & evanescent! — How unlike to Eternity whither we are hastening! — If it were not for the latter what madness to think the former a blessing! On the Wise goodness of the Creator is founded our belief of another & better world.

But who can reveal unto us this
wisdom and goodness of the Creator?
Ye who can tell us there is a creator
but he himself? Can the earth dis-
cover her beauties but by the light
of the sun?—Even so the Sun of right-
eousness alone can display the
Rainbow of peace & hope to our
enraptured moral sight. To Him
therefore let us look and be saved
from despair. He "has brought light
and immortality to light through
the Gospel."—All that prompts the
wish to live my life over again is
that I might preach that Gospel with
more clearness and zeal than I have
done. But God can raise up others
more adapted to this holy benevolent
work than I am, or ever have been.
To Him therefore let the faithful look
in these days of the Churches last
extremity for salvation.

Our journey from the East home
was safe, and as speedy as my people
perhaps would admit. We called at Stun-
benville and found our loved Relative
well. Your beloved Intrepid has grown
old and grey in well doing. We
talked much of you and other dear
ones in Vermont.

At Cincinnati we
found our esteemed nephew
had gone to Columbus to attend
on the duties of his profession -
a more talented man there is not in
Ohio.

Dear Samuel & his family has
arrived at Jubilee a week or ten days be-
fore us and set all things in good order
relating to the College. Henry, my beloved
son, had managed the secular affairs to
my wish. He is now gone to St. Louis
on business of great importance -
Dudley has gone off on a mission to
seek and to save the Lambs of Christ
in the as yet unexplored regions my ex-
tensive Diocese. My own health is not
so good as when I came home. A bad cold
has added to the chronic complaint of
a heart striking Catarrh so that I am not
able to attend Church during cold weather.

My dear wife is well and sends her kind
regards. My own pleasure to present to
your good husband and much beloved
Rachel and sons.

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Mrs Rachel Denison
Royalton
Vermont

Our good Daughter Mary now Mrs.
Chamberlain and the object of our tender
affection begs to be remembered to all her
esteemed relatives in Royalton Rachel des
pecially to her Cousin Rachel Philander
Ever your loving Mother Philander