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Letter to Rachel Denison

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Sunday 14 of Decr 1848

Dear Sister Rachel -

Last Thursday was my birthday
43 years old. I made no ac-
count except to reflect on the transi-
tory character of human life.

For nearly four weeks past I have
been afflicted with a weakening com-
-plaint, the name of which is not
made known to me. It affects my
bowels, sometimes with more and
sometimes less painfulness. Last
Sunday & the Sunday before I went
to Church and preached once. But
this day I fear I must stay at home.
My spirits are good and my faith in the
Lord Jesus Christ is strong. May the
good God strengthen and increase my
confidence in his mercy!

I have addressed to you in the course of
the past week a little printed paper con-
taining the Rev. Dr. Lottens letter to his
friends in Hartford with some observations
of my own. With this I hope you will be
pleased for several reasons. The first is

that the whole treats of things
pertaining to the Kingdom of
God and his righteousness - that
we are told to seek first of all these.
- Jubilee College of Illinois seeks
to promote this Kingdom. She stands
on the ground occupied by the Performers
of the Church of England in her days
of purity - ground marked out and
dedicated to her & her faithful descendants
by her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
a deed sealed to every individual who
believeth in his name and cheriseth
his faith by obedience.

Jubilee College being founded on
such ground morally and as a spir-
itual Institution must be secured
against perversion by every lawful
earthly means. Accordingly all
her domain, building, and landed
estate is committed to her by Deeds
of Trust only; the condition being
that she never depart from her
first principles neither to Rome

now Geneva.

The Holy Ghost guided men's mind
into all truth during the three
first centuries. The acts and
the Christ of the churches carry
down the history of our religion
till long after the establishment
of Christianity: What then remains
etc but that we adhere to the faith
& form of sound words thus de-
livered unto us.

The very trustworthy Report of
Good Dr. Lottin has given me occasion
to open a new correspondence
with my English Friends. In attempt-
ing this I am deeply affected at sight
of the many who have left this for
another world. Lord Gambier. Mr. Pratt Mr.
& W. Marriott Lady Russ Mrs. Widdin and
a host of others have all gone. Who are they
that remain for me to address and in whose
bosom I can revive & excite an interest in
favour of the Far West? Alas! who? —
Some I have found — and some I know are
willing to help us. But who will strike the
Rock that the waters of benevolence may flow.
This is a hard question to answer now that my
strength fails me. What think you of my
soliciting the aid of my brother of Canterbury

You will smile when I tell you that I have
indeed written to his Grace and thro' him
desired to be remembered to all the
Bishops of England that as we are all
the descendants of those who were
"Fishers of men" - I hope we may like
our Predecessors draw our nets in
saving the souls of men - and not think
it worth our while to spend our power
& strength in dragging them to find
obsolete Rubrics or the legends

the dying legends of Rome.

My dear wife says I have drawn a
bow at venture - but shakes her
head when I talk of success -

But why go abroad when there is a
rough at home in the pockets of the
Rich? Ans? Because the English are
better givers than Americans. They

have faith in God's promises and
we have little of this in our breasts

Let us pray that our stony hearts may
be softened. - If they be not so by Mercies

they will be by affliction. That which will
not melt - must be broken.

All send love - your loving brother
Wm. Candlish