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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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To Mrs Rachel Denison Jubilee Cottage May 13-49

My dear Sister.

It is Sunday; and for the first time I have been prevented for many days from attending Church and from preaching at least in the morning to my dear family and the youth and congregation under my charge. My complaint is a lame back causing so much pain when I move either on foot or in the carriage as to compel me to stay at home accompanied by my good wife to nurse ~~and~~ wait on me.

I sit in my pillowed chair and read & pray I think most sincerely that Gods Kingdom may come & His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Our reading is in the Holy Bible & Girdestone's commentary. The latter, being of a practical as well as a most instructive character, I think has been of great benefit to me in my old age. I wish you would get it if not now in your library, as soon as possible that you also may be comforted by the pure gospel which is most lucidly set forth in it.

It is a long time since I have heard from you and I begin to think that your health as well as mine is on the wane. May the good God support and bless you dearest Sister! May the Sun of Right



can shine upon you as I feel that it does  
on me your unworthy Brother Philander.  
May the Saviour's promises to those who be-  
lieve and trust in Him be realized in the  
two youngest Children of our loved Parents

From present appearances I have little  
hope we shall meet again on the earth: all  
my satisfaction is derived from the hope  
that we shall meet in the state of the Blessed  
the Paradise of God, and finally be raised in  
our bodies to triumph at the last day,  
when this world and all it contains shall go  
away like a scroll, and the elements shall  
melt with fervent heat. What a change shall  
then take place and what glory will burst  
upon our view? May we be placed side by side  
as we have travelled together side by side in  
our journey of this troublesome world!

The reason of all our terrestrial difficulties  
will then be explained and the wisdom and good-  
ness of God in our afflictions will then be conspic-  
uous. The Love of God manifest in our  
Redemption by the atonement procured  
by a Saviour's blood assures us that He will not  
fail us in our last and greatest need; and this  
assurance is by the Holy Spirit's bearing  
witness with our Spirit that we truly be-  
lieve on his name. May we more and  
more experience this in our hearts this witness



Dear Laura our beloved Niece Mrs Russell is still alive; and though often complaining of great weakness of bodily frame yet is always cheerful in mind and most affectionate to all around her. Being the oldest friend I have in my tedious journey here in the far West, my heart clings to her with grasp of the tenderest affection. She used once to be dandled on my knee, and now except my dear wife she is the main support of my often drooping spirits. As much as the care of her lovely grand children will permit she gives me the comfort of her company: and that seldom fails in bringing to our fond remembrance the images of our friends in Vermont.

I did not mean on this sacred day to speak of our secular affairs but as they are connected with another and a better world. In this way we can tell you of the goodness of God in giving us an exemption from all painful diseases of the body and of the blessings which are showered down on our infant Church and Colley. Our friends in England seem to have renewed the current of affectionate regard which once flowed in abundance upon us in days long since past. The suppression of the murderous custom of duelling by our excellent President is such a wident avoidance with the efforts of that Noble Society in England with which I have been in correspondence opens the door of benevolence



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on all the holy efforts made for the  
spread of the gospel in Illinois. Our 7<sup>th</sup>  
No. of the North now being printed will speak  
something more particular of this. Is it  
not strange that one so brave and un-  
witting as myself should in my old age  
be thus honoured in being made one of the instru-  
ments by which so great a blessing should be  
brought to pass as that suppressing duelling  
and evil to put down which defied the  
power of Parliaments and of Kings. —

The truth is it never was opposed purely thro  
religious motives — The honor of God was  
never before alone relied on.

I can not write more at present —  
My back is so lame and the pain of moving  
so acute that, with best love from all  
my dear family I can say more than  
what is always known to you as true in  
the best sense that I can

Your loving Brother  
Philip Barre