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Mr Sedell or Principal  
of Young Ladies School  
Bethlehem  
Northampton Co  
Penn

Jordan, Onondaga County, NY, March 21, 1838

Dear Sir, Though a stranger to you personally, yet I have heard of the Institution over which you have the honour to preside and am desirous of knowing more concerning it. My companion has been for about five years afflicted with mental derangement and for about eighteen months has been confined in an Insane Retreat. I have three children who sensibly feel a mother's loss, and very much need her care in their education. My eldest, a daughter of eleven years, has caused me much solicitude. The place in which I reside presents no facilities for education in such habits, society, and principles as I desire; and I have been long revolving in my mind some course of education which will render her useful, and happy in life; and insure a peaceful death. With the Moravians, or United Brethren, I have never had an opportunity of acquaintance; but their missionary zeal, and patience under trials and persecution, with their reputation for regularity and inoffensiveness of manners, have impressed my mind with respect for them. I should wish, my Dear Sir, to learn by letter, the course of education pursued, the length of time required for a thorough course, the habits and manners of the young ladies, the religious privileges; and the expenses of board and tuition. I am a clergyman of the Baptist denomination; my brethren are able to support me, and my family, only by my exercising the strictest economy. Whether my dear companion will ever regain the use of her reason I know not but my hopes are small. I shall be unable to keep her in her present situation any great length of time, and my daughter cannot remain under her direction if she returns in her present state. I am sensible that the information I request may cost you some trouble, but am persuaded that your benevolence will induce you to send all the information, a letter, or handbill can communicate. I can not tell what course I shall adopt, until I receive returns from you and advise with my friends. Wishing you success in your laudable endeavours, I remain Dear Sir, your friend in the kingdom of Christ.

Elisha D. Hubbell

Sent, paid 18 3/4 cents, to Mr. Seidell or Principal, Young Ladies' School, Bethlehem, Northampton Co. Penn.

Docketed: rec'd March 29, Ans'd April 3 Application Miss Hubbell

Rev. Hubbell appears in an index of Shaftsbury Baptist Association Circular Letters prepared by James R. Duvall, using an 1853 history of the Association by Stephen Wright:

1820 -- The circular and corresponding letters were both from Elder Elisha D. Hubbell, now for the first time among his brethren, as an ordained minister of the gospel. The circular is a view of "The Saviour, in the Character of the Shepherd of His People" Following is a portion of the Circular:

"Confide then, ye tempted saints, in the wisdom of your God. Cast all your cares on him. Hope in the Lord; you shall yet praise him, who is the health of your countenance and your God. He hath chosen you in Christ before the foundation of the world; he hath washed you in his blood, and purified you unto himself, that you should be a holy people, and dwell eternally in his presence. He has fed you in the pastures of his grace; his own hand has supplied all your wants, and will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly. He will not leave you to wander through the desert alone, but will accompany and direct your steps. Will he leave you to famish? No: he will sustain you. Will he leave you a prey to disease and death? No: he will forgive your iniquities, he will heal your sicknesses, and crown your lives with his tender mercies. Shall Satan overpower you? No: the enemy shall not exact upon you; nor the sons of wickedness afflict you. God will surely watch over you, he will keep you as the apple of his eye, by his power through faith unto salvation. Happy people! 'all things are yours, and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's.' Your suffering days will soon be over. Your Shepherd cometh quickly. Even so, come LORD JESUS."

Elder Hubbell also contributed in 1830 and 1834.

1838 letter about Moravian education. Elisha D. Hubbell, Jordan, Onondaga County NY, March 21, 1838 to Mr. Seidell or Principal, Young Ladies' School, Bethlehem, Northampton Co. Penn. Hubbell, a Baptist minister, explains that his wife is in an insane asylum and wishes to send his oldest child, a daughter of eleven, to boarding school. He has admired the Moravians for "their missionary zeal, and patience under trials and persecution, with their reputation for regularity and inoffensiveness of manners ..." Single leaf, folded for mailing.

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