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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Dear Brother Dudley,

I was made yesterday a very happy man by the reception of your kind letter of the 12th ult. — It widened to my mind that you were well both in body & mind. — That Brother Linsen was also well — (out on his farm to work at his eye too!) — That sisters Cotton and Denison were also in good spirits. — Praise be to God for his mercies. —

Another cause of very sincere thankfulness was made known to me by your letter, viz. — that my dear Wife's visit to you will be welcome to yourself and my dear Sister Olivia. My very tears gush out when I fancy to myself the pleasures of your meeting in this world. — My Wife has dwelt on that pleasure as depicted to her in fancy till I fear she has set her heart too much upon it. — It is almost the first and only privilege that she seems to claim to herself. — In all other things hitherto she hath given away to others to step in and enjoy while she hath laboured by her assiduity to heighten their enjoyment. — She hath spent her whole life, since we were married, in working for others. — for the Church of God & for the children of the faithful — herself the last year provided for her novels in cabins, with the needle at midnight mending stockings in piles — and now dissecting food to be prepared for hundreds at a time — the sole tailor of her husband and children's clothes — the most instructive yet true counsellor in times of need, the faithful friend in distress. — the well-informed Physician and true the patient and tender nurse. — all this hath my Wife manifested in a spirit of self-denial so pure so unostentatious as commands my astounded gratitude; this I am obliged to restrain it and lock it all up in my own bosom for fear of offending her by letting others know that she calls a palmer's mate the virtues. — Even now I am obliged to keep this letter

out of sight, having written and showed another in the place
of this ^{will be} substituted, when the mail is made up in
=dear her hands.

Your mention of my son Dudley as enjoying your approbation
gives me great pleasure. He is indeed among the best of young men
& I trust will never shame his relatives. — My other sons are
not so happy as to be known unto you, altho' your name and
character is much venerated by them. Mary, if God permit,
you will see with her Mother, next summer. It is my most earnest
prayer that she may find grace in your sight. —

Henry is with our dear Relative the Rev. Saml. Chase, at Ottawa
and getting on very well with his mathematical studies —
No young man has a better reputation for sound sense and
good principles than he. Philander is here with us. you
will hardly credit it when I tell you he is ^{nearly as} the height
of his father. Would that his education were equal to his
stature! — With his assistance & that of three other young men
managing four teams, we are trying to get together materials of stone
and lumber for the erection of a Church and school room as
imminent steps for the Jubilee College. — But you shall hear
more of this when success shall have made the plan an object
worth looking at.

Shout affectionately commending myself and all I have to the
prayers of yourself and all the dear ones in W. & Rau's. I
am your loving brother
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