

Philander Chase Letters

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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Robins Nest. Ill: Aug: 10-1839

Dear Brother:

I know you and all our friends in Yr are anxious to hear how the sickness of my dear Wife has terminated.

Pleased be God, the disease has passed away: but has left her frame in great weakness: and much time and careful nursing will be required to restore her to health. At present she can not turn herself on the bed and needs watchers through the night and the two long days.

When perfectly awake (for she sleeps I fear too much) she talks of things and friends most dear with great feeling and judicious remark: so that I have evidence that her mind is not impaired by the late dreadful shock of sickness. As I remarked in my last so

it continues to be a source of great joy to me that she gives most satisfactory evidence of most exemplary faith. God's will is her will and all her will:

as when she thought herself leaving us we were then but has returned to us at many instances with us: she evidently does it because it is the will of God.

This is as it should be.

I write this on Sunday. We have had church Mr. S. Chase read prayer and myself preached. Mr. Russell our dear Lucia staid with my invalid wife while Sarah and Mary and her brothers Henry & Phileander attended service. Our Cabin (you'll recollect) is our Church yet we trust, that in the decency of our arrangements, that the solemnity of our service is not destroyed, by the necessity of our condition.

All the audience seem to be worshippers. They all kneel and all join in the service.

Soon I trust the 'Chapel' will be finished - The roof is nearly on end the floor will soon be in their place.

I think I sent you a copper plate drawing of this School House and Chapel. There is an alteration in the execution of the plan. Instead of one story - the School House part has two stories the upper designed for females - dormitories and a small gallery of 10 feet right opposite the organ which is situated over the Chapel. Mr & Mrs S. Chase are much gratified with their newly finished home: and all things begin to look like home to them.

The Printer at Peruvia Mr Davis was here a few days ago and went over the ground and viewed the buildings. Since his return to Peruvia, I hear he has spoken very favorably in his paper: and commented with satisfaction on the Peruvian edition which Bishop Bowen of S. Car. gave in his Gospel the presence of Charleston. When I can get a No of this paper I will send it you.

I have lately sent an Appeal to the Southern Churchmen. Perhaps there is some one in your neighborhood who takes this paper. If not I beg you to subscribe for it. It bids fair to become much more efficiently & heartily supported than any of the middle or northern religious papers. Time will show.

(Printed in Richmond by Thomas Meade in the Depot)

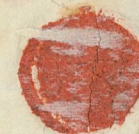
Now I have come to my last page I would fill it
with expressions of kindness to you and dear Sister
and all Friends in the old world and the new
but I have to write to Dudley my dear Son in Michi-
gan who no doubt is suffering with anxiety if even
one mail is neglected at this critical period

So praying for blessings on you and all you think
of and say I am

Your loving Brother

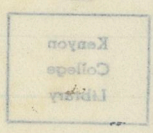
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Mrs. D. Chase



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Mr. P. Chase

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