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Letter to Rachel Denison

Philander Chase

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From
Mrs. Janicem

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Jubilee College 15 July

My dear Sister Rachael

Your short note appended to my Grand Daughter Laura Chase's letter affects me exceedingly. I grieve at the thoughts of your present illness, knowing as I do its extreme painfulness. I grieve that your natural vivacity seems to flag and the hopes of a recovery seems to grow faint. But amidst these causes of affectionate sympathy I rejoice at the evident triumph of your faith. You seem to realize what I would fain may never be absent from my conscious mind, that there is another and a better state than this: that death to which we are so fast approaching is swallowed up in Victory by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: and that this Mortal shall put on immortality and that an eternity of Blessedness purchased by the blood of the Son of God will follow this transitory life of wretchedness. May the Holy Ghost continue to nourish in our hearts these plants of heavenly origin till they bring forth fruits in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Dear, Dear, Sister Rachael! May we be united in faith hope and eternal happiness as we have been in paternal affection ever since we recognized each other infant faces on our Mother's knees and while reposing in her affectionate bosom. Do you remember when

we used to sing hymns together before we knew how to
raise an octave? Those were happy days, and in
bringing them to remembrance my eyes fill with tears,
shall I say that they are those of regret that they are
never more to return? Nay, I rejoice that they ^{will} ~~are~~
is preserved in my mind to form a model of that state
of spiritual sincerity of heart & devotion owed to God
and his glory which the Saviour of the world com-
mended when he set forth Children as a pattern
of all truly converted persons.

You speak of James your dear Son: Where is he?
I shall never cease to pray that God may watch
over him for good be he where he may.

My dear Wife is well as is dear Lucia, the two
Sara's, Mary and all the rest. Saml is some-
times indisposed: but now is quite well.

We have moved from the Robin Hood to
the College Hill; and I am now writing this
in the Library of Yale College already having
proceeded in numbering to 1620 volumes.

I am to set off on my journey in the visitation of the
Northern part of my diocese next Tuesday the 19th & surely
my dear Son now in orders will accompany me. He
is avowed a good preacher. I would wish his constitution be
stronger than it is. Give my love to all & believe me ever
your most loving father Philander.

15th July 1842

My dear Laura.

Now as I have exhausted all my spare
time in ans^r your aunt's letter:-

Let this suffice for the
present.

I am almost distracted with care but am
always your affectionate grand father
J. W. Cham.

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Mr. Laura Chase

Providence

Per