

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Laura Chase

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 Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1842

My dear Laura.

When you wrote your  
 good letter of the 22 of Aug<sup>t</sup> - I was in  
 the Northern part of my Diocese with you  
 and Dudley now my faithful fellow la-  
 bourer in the Christian Ministry -  
 We were preaching every day and so  
 tired at night with the various duties  
 your office as to drop from our chairs  
 before our beds could be made -

You were at home playing with  
 calves and hithers with the cloudy care  
 to disturb you quite to be

repose by night. How differ-  
 ent to wish we seem to be  
 had a "resting day" in my life  
 a Child. - Rachel & I  
 on the large Quarts R.

Father's and Ben Hall's. It is broken  
all to pieces now - What ruthless vandals  
have arisen since my day! - It was the  
prettiest rock in the world, as clear and  
as white: on its flat level top we used  
to climb up and play -

But whether I am I going in a letter to my  
grand daughter? I was going to make some  
observation which should call your atten-  
tion to the contrast between your Grand-  
Father's lot in life and your own: that  
perhaps you might discover what rea-  
son you have to be grateful to him

with all the affairs of men.

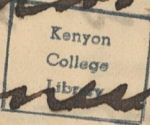
of thro' life I have had to struggle  
ty - If I got any thing it went  
like the Slippery eel -  
very burdensome right to have

been my portion. - What I gained during  
hard stint of teaching others - and much  
of that which I learned I never see? -  
And now I am old and grey headed  
things grow worse and worse with me  
I travel at my own expense and main-  
tain my family at home without any  
Salary or

Now look at your own Condition  
Dear Laura & behold what manner  
you have to live a grateful life -  
all your expenses paid at the hands  
of your Mother; and not a care to  
disturb your pillow! - Now look at  
it, Laura; God requires of  
you more well than your  
Learn well your book; & give  
your time to vanity; and to  
- The time may soon come  
will have no other use

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and improved talents, Remember  
 this let it excite you to diligence  
 It is not in going to Royalties made  
 may your accomplishments in science  
 will consist. It is in understanding the  
 branches you study thoroughly  
 If you take any thing on hand make  
 yourself mistress of it. Don't be  
 a pretentious fool. - Who looks to your moral  
 conduct? <sup>Do you think it your duty?</sup> Don't advise  
 the next thing which you must de-  
 duce from your superior virtues  
 is - to pay daily homage for them  
 on your knees to God who gives them  
 to you. Laura! you know this is  
 to do it, then. First ask God to  
 give you thoughts of your heart  
 all you feel that you are in-  
 owing it, and then thank God  
 for an immense advantage.



And now I have mended my pen  
and taken a new sheet I'll try to write a little  
better.

I suppose Philaude and Dudley write  
you all the news - a few facts however may  
not be amiss to set down here

1. Henry has a fine down health and well prosper  
ing but rather small - Being the first grand  
child by my present dear wife I have it occupies  
my prayers and best thoughts.

2. Samuel's dear little babe one of the sweet  
est children ever has been very sick but is  
now thank God quite recovered.

3. Our Holy communion is administered  
every month and full 80 attend it constant  
-ly but not all on the same Sunday -

4. The House we now live in is better than  
any representation of it I ever saw you  
Dudley's 20 feet square brick building is  
right opposite us across the street on adjoining  
ground. We both drink out of the same  
pure cool spring. The ground around  
us are well fenced & many gates prepar-  
ed for ingress and egress - A good bar-

with a stable under the whole is  
covered complete and now full  
of Grain & Forage. A coach house  
leads to it.

The garden <sup>at the lower</sup>  
is the south end of the lot, <sup>sp. which we live</sup> is yet  
in an imperfect state but full of  
sweet Melons and excellent po-  
tatoes.

We are now building a kitchen  
of 28 by 14 feet - when this is finished and  
a wash house shall have been built  
we shall be ready for winter.

The whole Lands round about  
is a great mostly closed in and we  
look like farmers - About 50  
sheep adorn our pastures and  
the price of their wool is discouraging -





I find excuse your aid & most affectionate Grand  
Father. — Philander Chase

P.S. I am sorry to hear that Mr. Sabine is suffering  
in want of the comforts of life. Do you have his  
friend. Give all you can get to him. Do it on prin

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iple. A curse has fallen on our land because  
that the eleven Brethren sons of Israel have  
taken Levi's parts of the inheritance & will  
not pay him the interest thereof. They keep  
it close and call Levi's money their own. What  
will our Heavenly Father say to this? He is angry with  
his people and curses them with bad rulers & that brings  
them to poverty in their days. —