

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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From  
Mrs. Jamieson

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21<sup>st</sup> of Nov 1843  
Jubilee Cottage

Dear Sister Rachael.

I can not write you a long letter for I am yet an invalid and have so much to do, every moment in my sick bed room being occupied - except my sleep - last nights when my perspiration is too great & the cold too intense to allow me to rise and light my candle and go to my studies and writing as I used to do.

I have heard this over & over again, how sick & emaciated you are by this dreadful "Tick" - and have pitied and pitied you as if the pain were my own. And then I have prayed for you that the GOOD GOD in wrath should remember mercy, & spare your pain and comfort your distracted feelings and with the benediction of your dear Head for Jesus sake - Above all that the Holy Ghost would fan the flame of divine love in your bosom, and sanctify all your afflictions to you - that he would raise your hope and strengthen your faith in the certainty of future felicity in another & a better world than this. By the precious bloody Jesus our Redeemer manifested in the

flesh hath our title to this blessed inheritance  
vitamins been purchased; and if we believe  
this with all our hearts and manifest the  
same by an undeviating conformity to  
his will the same will be ours. Never  
were there truths more impressed on my  
soul than lately. The Spirit seems to  
be with us together with our spirits that  
we are the children of God - and if children  
then heirs. - What joyful tidings these  
to be sounded in the ears of penitent  
sinners. - Let us then take courage in our  
distresses; now is our salvation nearer  
than when we believed. It draweth nearer  
& near as the shades of your life lengthen in  
the evening of your days. - Blessed be God the  
time of rest is near at hand. Then a few  
moments - to the body - rest in the grave  
- then cometh the Resurrection to eternal  
life. - An event so glorious that I cannot  
dwell on it without rapture inexpressible.

From this theme to come back again to  
the affairs of this life might seem that the  
poets call sinking but the burden of

bodies is still tied to us like a stone to the <sup>native</sup> bird that strives to fly -

I am glad to tell you that we are all well, but myself - and <sup>for</sup> as I know all are doing well. - The few pupils whom our dear Mary is teaching improve amazingly - but we have so many things to contend with that unless we have great faith and perseverance I fear disappointment. We are as economical as possible. Having no salary we all have to labour and do the work of servants to earn our bread - Were this not so we should wou go down as my poor Kenyon has done. By the bye I sent a reviewing Bishop MacLachlan's Balance sheet and tells me that all is not right in Denmark.

Do give my love to your good Husband and love to your Children - My Laura my dear Grand Daughter be in your power or if you see her give my best love and blessing to her on

To your good Clergyman the Rev Mr Sprague give my most respectful Complements -

M. B. I have not time to write a shorter letter better than this. do take it as it is, and remember  
I am your loving Brother  
Philander

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