

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Laura Chase

Philander Chase

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27 Mar: 1844

My dear Grand Daughters

Yesterday, Dudley went  
to Farmington to marry a Couple: and I staid  
here at home and married two couples in the  
Church. One was from Peoria — — The solemn-  
-ty of this Office when performed in Church is be-  
-coming — and makes a favourable impression  
on all who behold it. There is that which  
distinguishes Man from the brute Creation,  
why then should it not be marked by some  
thing becoming its high destination. Let us ap-  
-peal to God for his blessing and as a Witness  
of the Covenant made in His name is  
of all things most appropriate.

There are many things which of late years  
have tended to make manhood set lightly  
on the subject of their relative duties, and  
this of pumping the broomstick in marriage  
I count one of the greatest. Dear Laura  
if you ever chuse to change a maiden for  
a marriage life let that change be marked  
with finger of God's remembrance: do it in  
the fear of Holy Name and with a firm  
reliance on his divine support. Then may  
you, for Jesus sake, expect his blessing.

— Turn over —

I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of March 3<sup>d</sup> 1844 - - I was glad  
to hear you are all well and that young Mr  
George Chase was your guest for a few days.  
Since you saw him he is doubtless on his  
journey to this neighbourhood where in com-  
pany with his sister and the Rev S. Chase his  
brother now with us he purchased a farm of  
peasant beauty and excellence. We expect him  
in a few days to take possession and go to work  
as a respected farmer among us.

Our spring after having been retarded by some  
equinoctial storms of snow and cold rain  
has again commenced in earnest and we  
looking for garden vegetables in great plenty  
Our lettuce has advanced so that we  
begin to set it out in rows of plants and  
our garden peas are sprouting out of the  
ground: -

Do give my love to every one  
who asks after you and affectionate  
Grandfather

Phil<sup>r</sup> Chase  
Mrs Laura Chase

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