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Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Dudley Chase

Philander Chase

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My dear Brother Dudley

My heart still clings to you and my other Brothers and sisters in Vermont. The fewer those who are left the better I seem to love them. I know you cannot write to me; but this most painful reflection does not prevent me from writing to you. Dear, dearest Brother! - What shall I say to you but that I continue to think of you and pray for you!

You have learned my "whereabouts" and perhaps something that I was doing from the "Christian Witness" newspaper - but nothing of this kind can tell you

What I feel as a lonely wanderer far from  
home: constantly changing with scarcely a  
fixed hope as to the time of returning to  
my loved family. My dear Mary begins  
to feel, as I do, desirous of repose. Perhaps  
she may accompany the Regiment whom  
our dear Samuel will take with him  
across the mountains. Yet if I stay  
to complete the "century" of my jubilee  
Scholarships how can I part with this dear  
daughter my only travelling compan-  
ion who if I die can tell where my dead  
body lies. --- Yet if the invite on going (&  
there is room enough to do so) I must sub-  
mit

mit to be left to plod my weary way  
alone—all alone:

I am now finishing  
the Pastoral Letter: but O how poor  
— how inadequate a thing it is!

Next Monday I shall leave this City  
for that of Philadelphia. There I shall  
to see our dear Nephew Benj<sup>th</sup> W  
Chace our dear Banck's, Excel  
lent son. ~ There also awaits me a  
course of duty of the most painful  
character: — viz to preside in the House  
of Bishops to heal the wounds which she  
has received from her friends, — her  
own Father in the Lord. May God sup  
port me or I sink under the great  
weight of such heavy responsibility!

With the most sincere affection for Sister Anna  
and all dear Relatives I am, Y<sup>r</sup> Loving B<sup>ro</sup> Wm. Chace

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