

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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Dear Sister Rachel:

I am in my room

all alone and have no one to talk with about our dear Sister Alice who has just left us for a world of spirits. May I not suppose you (now my only sister) so dear to me (as one's own self is dear) are now with me and listening to my words?

- Well then Alice is gone before us; as we verily believe to Heaven. - Her spirit is now set free from the infirmities of her frail frame and at this moment conversing with our loved Parents and with my dear first wife and loved first Philander - They are all exceedingly happy so as we can not conceive - yet not so much so as they will be at the Resurrection when they all join their bodies. Then shall be brought to pass the complete triumph of Christ over the grave & Death there is thy sting! O Grave where is thy victory!

In this true Christian faith that it is so  
ought we not to rejoice rather than mourn?  
Yes; I will say, yet nature has her claims  
— I know it — and so let her voice be heard  
and ~~and~~ so permit her tears to flow. Not  
on Alice's account but on our own —  
Awaiting myself of this privilege I do wish  
— that I see my sisters face no more. My  
tears come to my relief when my heart is burst  
— ~~ing~~ — yet when thus relieved I feel calm &  
look up and say Gods will be done, and then  
I reflect how good God is that he hath left me  
one sister yet, in whom to centre all my  
maternal affections — Dear Sister Rachel  
this is indeed true. — We have lived together  
when children, & youths many years and  
loved each other dearly — yet now there  
have no sister but you out of six that  
adorned our fathers family — I love you  
more than ever, and while I do so I  
implore heavens choicest blessing on your  
precious head God the Father God the  
Son & God the Holy Ghost bless preserve

and keep you: May He lift up the light of his  
countenance upon <sup>you</sup> be gracious unto you; and  
give you peace both now and ever more.

And now Dear Sister let us remember that we soon  
shall be permitted to follow our dear Sister Alice -  
The day is coming and will be here ~~soon~~ ~~very soon~~  
Let us then renew our strength in the Lord -  
Let us pray continually for grace to continue  
beneficial unto the end. Let us listen to no

Siren song which may divert our atten-  
-tion from the mark of the prize of our  
high calling in Christ Jesus - till the last  
day of our lives - yea to the last moment  
let us keep our eye on the Star - the Bright  
Star of the Morning - which will <sup>lead</sup> us to peace  
- Christ's blood is the - tis tis alone which cleans

eth from all sin. Holy Ghost washeth us  
therein from all sin. - Blessed tidings! -

What believing soul can doubt of this?  
I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he  
shall stand at the latter day upon the Earth, tho  
after my skin worms destroy this body yet in  
my flesh I shall see God whom I shall see for my  
self and not another - Thus are we comforted and  
comforted by the Consolations of our holy Religion  
- May this yours & mine now and ever  
now faithful and affectionate Brother Philander

Mr. P. Chapin

Mrs Rachel Denison

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