

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Rachel Denison

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To Miss Rachel Denton

Jubilee College  
Sept 27 1846

Dear Niece

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Your letter, which was and is one of the best in the world, went the rounds in our circle of your loving friends on Jubilee Hill; and when I heard from it last, it was in the hands of your cousin Mary, who, it was said, intended answering it. This she said, no doubt, because of my known infirmity and consequent aversion to writing letters.

But I am better now: and with my health return all my feelings of tenderness towards those whom I have ever been accustomed to love, and withal a great desire to tell them how dear they are to me.

All my brethren and sisters are now gone except Simon and Rachel your Mother. I feel my loneliness in this respect, more than I can express; and I should feel it more than I do, were it not for you, Dear Rachel; who thro' your filial kindness to your Mother and unbounded goodness towards me, you and your unworthy uncle, have consented to be the medium of correspondence between us.

Your Mother is two years older than I am

but we have walked so near together for so long a period, that we seem coeval and contemporaneous in all our pains and enjoyments; and it is highly probable that we may be permitted through mercy to go hand in hand into a better world together. When I have fixed my mind on a subject like this, I can not let it go till I have by faith brought it more & more home to my heart. Why may I not hope, in the exercise of a true faith in our redemption by Jesus Christ, that as your mother and when children have sung together the songs of Zion when no one heard us but God - even so as children of God by faith we may be permitted to enter his heavenly Kingdom praising Him together? I know that a difference of a few days or months or years will be as nothing in comparison of the Eternity of joys which will follow; yet such is my frailty I can not but hope we shall be allowed to sing simultaneously the song of redeeming love together. Do ask her how she feels on such a subject! - and now Dear Rachel, my beloved niece; how shall I pass from a theme like this to others which regard this world only? I know not but by saying what is so true that the consideration of Eternity makes  
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all things holy. Not only his Word but his word  
becomes sacred when used to his glory. So that  
here I do speak to you of the Prosperity of Jubilee, and  
of the beauty of the scenery around this loved  
Institution (the object of so many prayers) I should  
but add to the countless ~~various~~ links which bind  
us to the Author of all goodness

We have had a long course of very warm weather  
which acting on the products of our rich & fertile  
soil has greatly multiplied cases of sickness  
incident to our Western country. Yet we  
have great reason to be thankful that  
few deaths have occurred: perhaps much less  
than by other diseases occur in the same time  
and among the same number of inhabitants  
in Vermont. This fact which I believe to be true  
may serve as an apology for the fast increasing  
Population of the West.

You will be glad to hear that the goodness of God in rais-  
ing us up friends in Old England our Jubilee is not  
only kept out of debt - but is likely to be endowed with  
a printing press and type. In consequence of this  
promise I am now trying to lay the foundation of a  
building for a printing office. If any <sup>thing</sup> prevent our going  
on with <sup>it</sup> this fall it will be the want of Workmen & Labour-  
ers

Dudley and his wife and two lovely Children are  
in Steubenville Ohio. Of Henry you have heard all  
things relating to him & his Philander has a son now the  
third of this name

# They have left their father the good Mr. Wells. He is full of faith.

Mr Phelps is indisputed but her own plaint  
is not serious and already has yielded to medicine  
Sarah Linnell is a Mother in Israel Four daughters  
and a son have fallen to her lot But I fall this you  
are doubtless well informed by Henry & Mary; let  
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Miss Rachel Denison

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I have told you that I was better in health; yet still  
I am a cripple and can not expect to enjoy the  
pleasures of an active life

Pray remember me to your good Father & dear Brothers  
and don't forget me when visiting to your little home  
and believe ever

Your most affectionate Uncle

Philander Chase