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Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Laura Chase

Philander Chase

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New York 29. of Oct. 1847.

Dear Laura;

I join with you in giving more heartfelt thanks to the Good God for preserving you in and thro' the great pains & perils of becoming the mother of another living soul capable of enjoying thro' the Great Redeemer's merits eternal life. When God condescends to create it becometh us to attend and adore his Almighty Power—but when to his creation He adds That of an Immortality of being ~~in man~~ an awful solemnity is created in the bosom of every reflecting person which cannot easily be described. In this light I view the good news you tell me of the birth of a Son; and thus impressed I think of the many and important duties which the same Almighty Being <sup>has</sup> laid on you as a Mother. Never seek to shake these duties off from yourself—and never shrink from the performance of them in the fear of the Lord and as you will have <sup>to give</sup> an acc't at the great day. Be a Mother indeed to your offspring by seeking their best interests that of their immortal souls. Seek aid from above in the discharge of this great duty. Look to the Fountain of Life for the refreshing waters to quench your thirst for immortality & refresh



refresh your weary soul. Pray for the Spirit of God  
to guide your search the Scriptures for they contain the  
treasures of eternal life

Dear Laura

I have been called off by  
much company

The Genl Convention has just closed in great har-  
mony: and I am preparing to go to Hartford Conn<sup>t</sup>. to con-  
secrate D. Burges Bp. Elect for the Diocese of Maine Next Sunday  
31<sup>th</sup> of Oct - We shall probably stay there on Monday and return  
here by Hudson & Kingston on the North River so that we  
shall be on our way from N. York to Phila. ~~in the~~ later  
end of next week. From Phila we go across in the canal  
to Pittsburg - and thence to Jubilee -

The lateness of the season is  
a forbidding feature in this picture of Troubles: but God may  
smile on us and grant us the genial influence of sunny  
days & mild skies. I shall trust entirely to his goodness  
Give my love to Elija and her good husband & small  
Children: and your dear Mr. Smith and your lovely little  
girl say there is one that loves you all and that  
one is now and ever

Your aged but most affection-  
ate Grand Father

Philander Chase

Don't forget to mention me  
most respectfully to your kind Mother



Laura Smith Collection

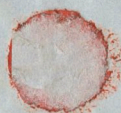
From my dear  
grandfather  
written on the birth  
of my first born  
son — 1847.



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