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Letter to Laura Chase

Philander Chase

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Saturday night
Feb 5th 1848

My dear Laura

I believe I have not written to you since our dear Mary Mrs Chamberlain was taken sick — She has a fine boy now nearly a fortnight old & yet she is very ill, We all feel for her when her distressing turns of pain are upon her.

To day, a week ago I had accompanied her husband, the Rev Mr Chamberlain to Providence to administer the Sacrament of the Lord to his interesting flock in that city. Just as we were on Sunday morning going to Divine Service Philander came riding into town on horseback with a note from Mr Chase saying that Mary was so ill as to require the immediate attention of a Physician & also that of her Husband. Of course he went back on the horse which R had ridden and I staid to minister alone in sacred things. The Congregation was very full and attentive. We all joined in very sincerely in the Collect for a sick Member of the Ch^h and a goodly number partook of the Holy Communion. After Service I came immediately home and found Mary somewhat relieved by the skill of her excellent Physician. But she can hardly be said to be in a convalescent state yet.

It is impossible in this country to get a
good nurse; consequently my dear Wife is obliged
to be constantly at the bed side of her daughter
- The child is healthy, and would be quiet if the
poor fellow, had a well-Mother's heart to
soothe him and give him strength.

My own sympathies are all alive on the
subject about which I am writing. - My study
is next to Mary's sick room and I feel for her
at every sigh she heaves.

My necessities compel
me to write a great deal especially to friends
abroad. - but I am so nervous on acct of
Mary, that I fear my letters too, ^{are} poor and
disconnected to give satisfaction.

All the rest on the Hill are well

We often think of you and as often offer up our
prayers for your welfare & that of your lovely
family. - The condition of the world is portentous
of great approaching evils. Let us be more in
earnest in our Godly petitions for peace in our
time - Yea speedily for Christ's sake. Your loving & Gd
Father's W^m Chase

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