

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Rachel Denison Sr. (sister)

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From  
Mrs. Jamieson

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Jubilee College, ~~East~~ <sup>East</sup> ~~day~~

My dear Sister Rachel

I had great pleasure in read-  
ing your Post Script in Dear Rachel's good  
letter dated about a month ago. I carried it imme-  
diately over to the College that Dear Lucia and  
Sarah might be gratified as well as myself by  
its interesting contents. I have seen them and  
Samuel since they read it; and can assure  
you of their assurance of their most tender  
regards to you and all the dear ones men-  
tioned by the very accomplished Letter Writer.

After this introduction I will tell you  
some thing of my poor self and what is  
passing here, as in the vicinity

Last Friday accompanied by Mr  
Chau I was at Mr Pennington's in a parish  
of English Church people inhabiting Lime-  
stone prairie about ten or twelve miles from  
this. The services of Good-Friday being as  
you know, quite long I asked for assistance  
from the Rev. J. S. Chamberlain Mary's Hus-  
band, but was disappointed from some cause  
yet unknown to me: so that I had the whole  
duty including the sermon to perform  
alone. Yet being wonderfully sustained by  
divine goodness I went thro' the whole, and

The number of Communicants at the  
 Lord's Table was 54, and the Collection was  
 taken up for our New Mission to Oregon  
 what was in the plate when offered at the  
 Table appeared to amount to from \$19 <sup>to</sup> \$30/00  
 Dollars. In delivering the Sermon or address  
 as I am obliged to perform it, from the  
 Chair, I felt more than usual animation  
 (I think) arising from a right spirit &  
 One thing seems certain I never experi-  
 ened livelier sensations of hope and joy  
 at the triumph of over Death as we  
 both in the services of this Blessed day  
 than at present. God grant that I  
 be not deceived. If "Christ died for our  
 sins" I am sure he rose for our justi-  
 fication! - I devoutly and with all my  
 soul believe both of them and so I  
 should wish I had never been born -  
 Oh Blessed Jesus! what a debt of grati-  
 tude do we owe to Thee! Blessed be  
 it of Redeeming love seal these life-  
 giving truths on the soul of your loving  
 brother, and your most loved sister and  
 dear and dear to us. So pray  
 your only surviving Brother  
 What an der Chase

being advised to take <sup>a</sup> circuitous route home  
found a much worse road; and found the  
sun down before we entered again our  
humble Cottage on Jubilee Hill -

Saturday the weather was rather cold & I did not  
go out; tho' Henry took the Ladies visiting us  
from abroad (among whom is our dear Mary  
Ohio my dear first Philanders daughter)  
out a riding through our very pleasant grounds  
- Today has been a festival indeed; our Bless  
ed Lord, Resurrection. The Chancel of the Col  
lege was filled with devout worshippers - Three  
young men of our School were confirmed  
~~The baptism~~ of two lovely infants were bap  
tized one of whom was Philander Chase  
the third as fine a child as I ever saw; his  
Father born while I was in England the first  
time having read prayers stood with his  
supplice on as one of the Honors. This  
circumstance joined with the solemn feat  
of my giving the Elements of the Holy Sac  
rament of the Lords Supper into the  
hands of my grand Daughter Mary C.  
the now accomplished & pious widow of  
my first Philander. is mixed feelings  
of gratitude to our Heavenly Father which  
I can not describe. What hath God wrought  
to live to tell it!