

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Rachel Denison Sr. (sister)

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Dear Sister Rachel,

I can not give up the

pleasure of an immediate correspondence with you: although it seems you are not in health to hold the pen in your own hand. How thankful I am to find that you prosper in your dear Daughter so able an amanuensis. I trace in her affectionate expressions your continued love for your far distant Brother "Whilander" as I delight to be called by you as when we played together in childhood. How things have altered since then. I then realized what has intervened the very sight of my sufferings and disappointments and cruel treatment from my fellow beings would I fear have made me crazy. Blessed be Sovereign Disposer of events all was then kept in mercy from my view, and as the events occurred grace was always given to bear singly what was meted out for my chastisement in mercy to my soul. Your prayers for me I was always sure of - and as I knew they were offered in faith, comfort came to me like the sun shining in a dark place on a benighted traveller. You also Dear Sister have offered the benefits

of my prayers in the times of your suffer-  
ing and sorrows I tried always to obey your  
wishes, but could never rid myself of the  
consciousness of my unworthiness - and never  
found relief but in throwing myself at the  
foot of the Cross and handing my petitions  
to Him who alone intercede for us at the  
Right hand of the Majesty on High.  
To Him let us always repair especially now  
when so soon we expect to be called before  
him. Hand in hand let us together approach  
the Mercy Seat in spirit and truth - implo-  
ring His Support when we most need it in  
the hour of death and in the day of Judg-  
ment. —

I sent your letter to our Dear Lucia for  
her consolations and comfort. All her Vermont  
friends are dear to her, and cherished in  
her heart. Surrounded as she is with  
a flock of Lambs whom she feedeth every  
hour and cleareth <sup>after with</sup> her maternal hand  
yet she thinks of friends far away.  
Sarah Samuel the mother of three sweet babes is nearly  
recovered from an attack of influenza so common among  
us this cold winter now she mainly <sup>trapped away</sup>  
We are trimming our fruit trees raking the rankweed  
from our garden patches and counting up the crop  
we of our Garden Seed - Prynne you ever  
that.

that our snow is all gone. We wish however  
that like you we might enjoy still longer the  
rid of sleighing. - The Wheat Crops I also fear  
will suffer from exposure to the weather.

I wrote you lately about our fear of los-  
ing our half section (320 acres) of land in which  
our building and improvement are.  
Nothing is as yet done to reduce our expenditures for  
the College which otherwise was never before in  
so flourishing condition.

My dear Wife is recovering from the Influenza  
and sends her best love

Henry - Mrs Chamberlain, still suffers occa-  
sionally her returns of sick nervous head-  
ache but is at present well and her two  
fine boys. - Henry was here at dinner to-  
day - & Milander dropped in to us in last  
night, all well and send love to you &  
yours

My own health is but poor but  
you see I am well enough to have written  
you a long letter which I do by subscribing  
myself Your most affectionate Brother

Wm Brewster  
Royalton Vt

Milander