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Letter to Dudley Chase II

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Given, with other letters, to
 Kingston College, in memory
 of Oliver K. Brooks, of
 Cleveland, from whose
 collection of letters it comes.

Rochester, Oct. 25, 1852.

My dear Brother,

Yours of the 21st is just received. I thank you for your assurances of Christian friendship and affection. I yesterday had the melancholy satisfaction of paying a public tribute of respect and affection to the memory of your lamented father, preaching all day from Gen. 5: 24. "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not: for God took him." My congregation were large, and the people seemed deeply interested in the considerations brought before them. I quoted from your letter to Dr. Butler with reference to the last moments of the good man. I closed with these words:

"He was a true Christian, a sound Churchman, a faithful Bishop; and I can only add that if I were to suggest an inscription for the monument that shall mark

the place of his rest, amid the
quiet shades of his own loved Jubilee
it would be simply this:

Philander Chase,

Born December 14, 1775,

Died September 20, 1852;

'His office, a Bishoprick,

His character, Fidelity,

His Reward, a Crown of Life'."

This sad event is almost
constantly in my mind. I feel that I
have lost a true friend, and that the
Church is deprived of one of its strongest
pillars. But he has gone in God's own
time, and that is always the best time.
You must indeed have deeply regretted
your absence from the death-bed, &
the funeral scene; but then God
does all things well; and blessed be

his name! We can say of the venerable
departed,

"Servant of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!

Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

I hardly know why I write you
again so soon, but I must give utter-
ance to the emotions of a full heart.
May God bless the affliction to the
whole Church!

I am glad to hear what
you say of Brother Reighly. I sincerely
hope he may be secured for Jubilee.

Please give him my love. Remember
me kindly to your good wife, and also
to Dr. Kelly, and all friends, not omit-
ting the Elys.

Praying God to be with you
and to bless you, I remain

Your affectionate

Friend & Brother

Henry W. Lee

Rev. J. Chase.