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Letter to Philander Chase

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Right Rev.^d & very dear Sr.

To attempt to thank you for your most invaluable letter, would indeed be fruitless; We hope you are more aware already, than we can ever hope to express by words, of the sincere and deep gratitude which we feel for this, and all your kindness to us.

We will rather say that we trust and pray, the impression made by your words upon our hearts, may be lasting, as it is deep; that we may never forget, the privilege we have enjoyed in your society, or your parting admonition.

Every sentence of your letter is indeed a treasure in itself, but when we consider from whom it proceeds, and how unworthy we are to receive it, we can only pray that we may become more and more like to the model, which you have so beautifully held up, for our imitation, and that the description you have given us of a truly Christian family, may be realized in every member of ours.

Never can the last blessing we received from the Apostolic lip of Bishop Chase be forgotten. O! may we never cease to pray that our own negligence may not cause it to be

withheld. If sincere though humble prayers may avail
at the Throne of Grace, how earnestly will ours be put up
for your safe return to your country, and that in
happiness and every blessing, your invaluable life may
long, very long, be spared to us, and above all that if we
should never more meet here, we may finally meet on
Heaven; that it may be so with us all, let us ask
your continual prayers, as we have before asked your
blessing, and in the perfect assurance "that the fervent
prayer of a righteous man availeth much" and that
we shall possess those of Bishop Chase, we say with pain-
fully that sad word, "Farewell;" For he has taught us
that it will not be for ever. — With the sincerest
respect, we beg to remain, dear Sir,

Your ever obliged,

Charlotte & Mary Ward.

Hookesley Parsonage
July 12th 1824.