

measures, for that is
what I desire and ask
of God in my prayers
tell your little Brother
Simon, that he too must
be a good boy, and also
mind his Mother, as
also Mary Jane &
Margret, for I want them
all to be good, so
be a little peevish
in the family for now,
give my respects to
Mother, Margret
Simon, Mary Jane &
Mary a good short for
yourself, & divide a
thousand Kisses among
you all, your father
Peter D. Thayer & Mary Jane

U.S.A.
Fort Myers, Fla. after you
August 5th 1863

To Hortens, Theresa
from Papa,
Dear little, just
as your Mother promised
that I should write to
you this week, I
now do so, Dear, get,
on your Birth day, I
was busy, as I
should have written to
you, as I did to
Mary Jane, but I

hope that this will all
make up for the part,
and that you will be
satisfied with this,
Dear Daughter, in
all my writings to all
of you, I entreat you
all to be good children,
as it is my greatest
desire, is that you
should all be good
children, and you
cannot be good children,
unless you mind &
love & obey your
Mother, for it would
be vain to try to be
good children & not

mind & obey your
Father & Mother, and
be sure, that if you
mind and obey your
Father & Mother, you
will all be good children
for they will not
let you do any
wrong, so be good
and love & obey
Mother, not omitting
your prayers &
God will bless you,
and will bring the
returns of your
prayer, who will
be pleased to find
a society of good

wish that if you will mind
your mother in all things,
and as soon as you will be
able you will help her
to get along in bringing
up your little sister,
but alas, let my
hope that God will see
fit to spare me, and
Dear children let your
prayers be offered up to
God, daily, that He
may see fit to spare me,
and your kind prayers may
be heard & I may be spared
in the mean time, accept
of my love & regards,
and my blessings all,
this is from a devoted
disconsolate & much
lamented father,

Peter F. Phelan

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glauco's hospital
August 22d 1865

Dear children
of thought that
I would write to you this
evening, to give you a
timely warning, as it might
be that God would see fit
to call me from this bed
of sickness, it will not come
amiss to give you Dear
children, a father's last
advice, and recommendations
for dear children, I would
God see fit to take me
from your view, it will
be throwing you on the

the world young, though you
have a kind and tender
Mother left you, but
unless you are very careful
and mind all her teachings,
you will soon go astray,
you will therefore have
to mind me in all things,
you will have to be prudent
industrious & honest, so
that you may get a
respectable livelihood,
but dear children, let
my hope, that God will
yet see fit to give me
and that I may live to
return to you, and enjoy
many happy years with
you all, but I should
like see fit to call me,
but this be a warning to
you, and I hope your
conduct hereafter, so

that you may be a source
of joy and consolation to
your Mother, who in that
case would have the whole
charge of bringing you
up, nor daughters, be
sure always to mind your
Mother who will have
to hold all your conduct,
so do nothing for which
your Mother & your own,
would be sorry, but always
mind me in all things,
for such is your duty,
& also help her all you can
according as you will be
able, for her talk will
be hard, but strive to
listen it all you can,
to you my dear son,
I hope that you will
perform your part

wat as good, of the sisters, for
they to likely teach things that
he knows nothing of, so
the concert is my choice,
and if you give up the
concert, you will not be
going a head in your
music, and now, that you
have such a good beginning
it would be to bad to
give it up, or not
to go through, for you need
more schooling in that branch,
to make you respect in it,
and if you go to concert an
other year, I want you to
get those joints, and learn
the printing, I hope to
send money before that
time so you can get them,
my love & respects to all of you
this from your devoted sother
Peter J. Phelan

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W.A.
Post Office, Gloucester point
August 5th 1865

Dear, Daughter
as I was writing to
you I thought I thought
I would also write this short
letter to you, as I shall set
writers to you of late, and
wishing to hear from you
after your great visit on
the island, for I suppose
that you had a good visit,
and I should like to know,
what good times you have
had over there, so I hope
you will write and let
me know all about it, so

it will be a treat for me to
know that you have made a
good visit, and hope you have
as on all other occasions behaved
like a lady, and that you have
found, that our dear man
of good schooling & good
teaching, have improved you
in your manners and your
general conduct, I am confident
you did all that, so let me
know all the fun you had,
also how uncle Michael is
doing, and how Eli is
getting along there, if he is
a good boy, as usually you
meet your schooling, I do not
know what is yours or
your mother's calculations,
as I have not heard anything
about it, and I thought, that
by what you said about
Mr Phillips school, been in

something better than the
common, that perhaps you
or your mother had a notion
not to send you to the common
an other year, so I did not
say anything about it up
to the present time, and
now, I will leave it to your
mother to decide, as she knows
her means & her needs better
than I do here, but if it
is possible that you should
have a going till you get
a thorough education, I
should like it very much,
but whatever your mother
says, I shall be pleased
with, as I know, I shall
do all for the best, as
to schools, it may be that
in some things Mr Phillips
may excel in teaching,
but in the main, he is