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Letter to Philander Chase

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K.C. 350818
Springfield Illinois 1835
Piquemore Lang Aug 18th

My Dear & Dear Son

My Very Dear
Uncle

This is my Fifth letter addressed to you at Philadelphia since you left - one of which contained a statement relative to the Church in this place - another contained a letter to Bro Griswold, requesting under your approbation, letters of dismission in my behalf to this Diocese - The last was a copy of a letter from Bro. Underwood addressed to yourself at this place - The original of which I sent to Mrs Thure - All of which I hope you have received - I received a letter under date of July 20 from Mr Sprigg Buffalo - containing a certificate of dismission by you in my favor of Two hundred dollars which had been accepted and paid to my credit at the State Bank - We have also recently received a letter from Gilead, which mentioned your being at Rochester that contained no particulars relative to yourself or your future plans -

I have just returned from a call at Mr. Kline's. He is in good spirits as to the subscription for the Church - He would be pleased to hear cheering news from the East that he might give an additional impetus to the effort which he is making - I believe the amount now subscribed is about Twelve hundred dollars -

We have service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday in each month in the Campbell Meeting house - I have once preached in the Parsonage house by invitation of Mr. Bergen. who was in ill-health - The services are generally well attended

especially by those who are considered as attached
to the Church - The responses are made with
much correctness & propriety - I know not what
may be your plans for the Winter but if you
could pass it here I am well persuaded that great
blessings would attend your labours - I am
willing very anxious, under Heaven, to do what
may be in my power - but allow me to say that
the interests of the Church in this place demand
the wisdom & experience of age - as well as more
time & attention than my constantly recurring duties
in the Schoolroom will allow me to bestow - But
upon second thought perhaps I have suggested what
ought to have been perfect in silence - I will do to
the extent of my abilities and rely upon Heaven -
- As I have heard nothing from you since you left
reference to your intentions of returning to Gilead
or remaining in the East - I still address you at
Philadelphia - We hope to hear soon from you &
receive from time to time some information of
the proceedings of the Gen. Con. -

(Dear Sarah's health is at
present quite good I hope & pray it may continue
so - It is extremely sickly here at present - of the twelve
or fifteen Physicians in this place none are well -
but we hope that the recent cold change in the
weather will be favourable to health - -

In hopes of soon hearing from you and with
earnest prayers for your welfare

I am your affectionate
Stephen Semmes Chase



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Past Bank

Wm. W. Phelps
(Wm. W. Phelps M. S. New York)
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Rev. Daniel Chapin
Aug 7
1835