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Letter to Intrepid Morse

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K. 6. 360712
Cleveland July 2nd 1856

My very dear Nephew.

What you mean by "quarreling" about the Communion Plate, I do not quite understand. The small set given by Lord Kenyon, Lady Prope and others to me, as Bishop of Ohio, while I was in England the first time, I sent thro' Mr. Wells to Bishop M^r. I have when he became Bishop of Ohio. Was there any "quarreling" in this? - I think not; - for I had sent it to him some time before Bp. M^r. Thayer's letter requesting it was dated. As to the larger set of Communion Plate of Plates I have being my gift out of the Bowdler Legacy - a legacy made before I even thought of going to England - I hope that I said by way of shewing the condition on which I had given the same to Prope Chapel, will not by you or any one else be termed "quarreling." That God has seen fit to cause both to be consumed by fire must be viewed as a dispensation of his wise Providence - no doubt intended for our trial - perhaps the trial of our faith - in the very presence of true faith which is the taking of God's will in lieu of all reasons to be assigned. For one I pray for grace to view the matter in this light. - To assign a reason for God's dealings is a wisest matter. Where it does not distinctly & clearly redound to the Glory of God & serve to promote the salvation of man we should fear to give a reason for the divine judgments. "Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents" that the promise was born blind: but that the Glory of God might be made known. This was course of thought on subjects of this nature pointed out by the Saviour of the world. I did not mean to say half as much as I have done on this subject when I began this letter. I pray pardon me if I have said any thing amiss or unnecessary.

My journey to Vert was pleasant in the visit and
blessed me to see those whom we love here Dudley &c. All
our friends in that quarter were well except Mr Grover
the maternal grandfather of my dear Grand Daughters
He is thought to be in a rapid decline. Eliza his only child
will be alone enough left her to make her and her dear
Daughters quite comfortable as to worldly property. As
to their Moral and spiritual Welfare I trust they
are not neglected. I wish they could have the happiness
of seeing the dear One my other Grand Child in
your charge. Having no other relatives the sweet
girls are very anxious for an interview.

But I must not talk on in this way. I have much to
say to you by way of News. While at Detroit I was
made quite happy by the kind attentions of the Church peo-
ple there. C. C. Froubridge presented me with a fine pair
of harness & Wagon. This will serve to take our
luggage to Illinois. We have sold all off and shall
set off from Galesburg for my diocese tomorrow or
next day. - When I say "sold all off" I except the
land. - This remains yet on hand - and rather than
sacrifice it for half its value I think by letting it lie.
As to the 3 Lots belonging to Mary Chase of Steuben
ville: such is the case of the Rights of Minors in this
State that the trouble of petitioning the court to
sell (if such a measure were thought advisable) would
be too much to endure. Her property therefore must
remain till she comes of age: by that time I think
it will be 25 dollars the acre: it now would sell for
more than half that price could at all be immediately
given: - This news I know will gratify your
benevolent mind, inasmuch as it shows the good
ness of God in directing your mind to put confidence
in the rectitude of some of my Western Plans.

Had you gone a little further and encouraged
me to purchase some few lots for myself - Your
money might have been ten doubled like Mary's
- In that case, what good you might have done
to God's Church! - - -

I say nothing more on this subject: but only look forward. You may ask whither am I going? I can't "I know don't know." In this state of uncertainty respecting our destination you may think it strange that my Wife and Mary Philander all so unable to endure a peripatetic life should wish to accompany me. What will they do. The ~~latter~~ ^{latter} having ~~no~~ ^{no} salary not even a shilling for expenses on the road, as in this must be compelled to avoid the comforts of a town and seek the means of his living on a farm. and how can his Family consent in their present condition to commence a new place. Why don't they remonstrate against such a wild scheme? Answer. Simply because they know it will do ~~the~~ ^{the} good

The farm must be commenced and can
 be sold on as in Gilead for a living: While the
 Seminary lands being adjacent may ^{be} seen
 to with more facility: and thus both prove
 mutually assisting.

You ask where are Messrs Richmond and Dyer
They are in places where their wives are better
pleased than in Illinois. This matrimonial
hindrance to the spread of the Gospel Upward
by our Church is terrific. - We shall have to make
some Canons on this subject: and then what will
the Ladies say?..

you may direct to the care of J. H. Kier's Esq
Chicago when you write to your loving Uncle P. Chase

Free Y. Chas. P. M. G. & M. G. & M. G.

July 13

The Rev. L. Morse

Sturteville

Ohio

