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Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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My dear Grand Daughter,

Any thing is interesting that comes from under your hand. Your honoured and dear Father my own most beloved Son now in Abraham's bosom is represented to my fond imagination by you and every thing that concerns you - Time so far from effacing his memory and the sweet countenance and pleasing cheerful mind he bore about him. That I mean to think of him and dream of him more & more as it rolls along. Would that you could copy his virtues. Particularly his cheerfulness and sweetness of temper. But this perhaps you never can do till your heart can be enabled by the heavenly grace that he enjoyed. It was the love of Jesus his Redeemer who he was ever conscious had died for him that made him so lovely in his manners. Till this was true abroad in his heart his temper was no better than that of any of us. Seek this and you will be like him. Copy from the same original of heavenly love in Christ Jesus our Lord and you will have the same features in your character as one shown forth so conspicuously in him.

I am grieved at your loss of so able and excellent a teacher as Mrs. S. - but it is matter of unforgotten consolation that you are under the guidance of a heavenly teacher the ever blessed Spirit of God who will not fail to bring to you remembrance when you most need it, the gospel teaching of your very spiritually minded Step Father and the sweet instructions of your dear

ever dear Mother. But you must be ever mindful
of one thing: that the promises of heavenly
instruction and assistance are based on the very
reasonable condition of your asking for them.
Ask and ye shall have, seek and ye shall find.
Now do you fulfil this condition Dear Mary?
Do you pray and that heartily and sincerely &
without making that God's Holy Spirit would leave
you and guide you? - If you do not you can never
expect to be such as your Maker would have you
to be. - If you say you have a cold heart given
to vanity and the things of this world. I answer
This is nothing more than we witness in every
unrenewed heart. It only shows you that the
Scriptures are true in representing all men as
alienated from God and in their natural hearts
averse to hearing any thing or doing any thing
that is for their spiritual benefit just as per-
sons who have certain diseases in them which
affect the mind they are always averse to the
sight of the Physician and to all his recom-
mends. - Ask your Parents and they will tell
you if you have never witnessed the sad specta-
cle yourself, how persons under the influence
of the hydrophobia hate and flee from all
things that are proposed for their cure. -
Thus it is with us our aversion to holy de-

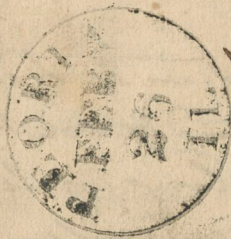
ties only proves the more clearly that we
have need of the Physician who alone can
heal our infirmities and rectify our dispo-
sitions and change our hearts. Being assured of
this you can pray first of all that God for
Christ's sake will give you a heart to pray
and all will be right. But I fear I have
perhaps too much on this subject which I then
tried to say in your hearing in a much better way.

I am very thankful for being remem-
bered kindly by any, especially by your Ma-
ternal grand Parents whom I so much
esteem, and love. With your thanks then
in my name. I had thought that they
quite forgotten so unworthy a person as
myself.

Tell your dear Mother that we grieve to hear she has
been so ill in her bodily health, and devoutly pray
she may be blessed with a long continuance of
her recovered spirits. Give my particular love to her
and also to dear Mr. Moore your honoured & much
esteemed Parent. To your Aunts Misses Anne & Sa-
rah you will present my most respectful & aff-
ectionate regards. Many English Ladies have I
seen since I saw them who reminded me of their
dear persons, - and whose piety I wish your loved
relatives could exemplify. In short tell them that
I think the standard of unfeigned piety is
the English female character of the higher rank
in society worthy of imitation. Not that I like

Spirits in Religion: but I would wish to
see females especially looking on to Jesus
and take care to imitate him they admire
My dear Mary your exert is applying her
self very sedulously to her studies to make for
lost time in the acquisition of an education

Miss Mary Chase
care of the Rev. S. Morse
Sturbridgeville
Ohio



If she can she will correspond with you very
often. We are all well and very thankful
for the blessing: Write again and often
to me. Never can your letters come across
you see I have begun in the way of prolixity.
imitate you - loves G and Thos. P. Chase