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Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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My dear Grand Daughter Mary.

Your letter was brought by D. Castle: and when I came home about a week since I had great pleasure in perusing it. - There was no date to it but I would guess the time it was written by your advice to Mary about sowing the seeds which were so kindly sent us by Mr. Stone and yourself. Mary your aunt is delighted with the little instrument which your good Mother sent her, but finds that the trumpet which accompanied it was meant to improve it in playing on a larger instrument of the kind. Perhaps there was some mistake.

I am truly thankful for the Present which your G^d. Father Weller sent me: for in the absence of all pure wine in this country it is unspeakably gratifying to find in this providential blessing the means to administer the Holy Sacrament according to our blessed Saviour's institution without admixture from the unbelieving.

I have reason to bless God that your health has been restored in good degree since your late attack. How pleasing would it be if I were assured that the goodness of God to you in this respect would lead you more & more to seek the salvation of you and this I see Christ on Lord. May I not hope that it is even so? - Do you pray often, and constantly and fervently that you may be made holy thro' the blood of Christ? -

It is by so doing only that you can expect grace to withstand the temptations of the world and finally be fitted to enjoy the presence of God in Peace; and the fellowship of the saints in life among whom is your dear -

dear Father. If he could speak to you and know that I am
now writing to you that strength would be add to my entreaties
that you may be prepared to meet him when you die! — You
know the way to do this. God's word explicated by your excellent
& pious step Father, my ever loved Nephew will I trust guide
your feet. & that God would touch your heart also to make
you of a willing mind now in the days of your youth to serve
the Lord and shun the vanities of the world. If these wishes
should seem to imply that I fear you are altogether unconvinced
of sacred things I would add they are meant for no such purpose
here but only to stir up your mind by way of remembrance
lest at any time you let precious things of eternity slip
from your recollection.

When I came home from my Chicago & Galena Tour I found
in the humble dwelling occupied by my family Mr Samuel
Chavis Mother and sister Mary and brother Dudley. The last of whom
is now very sick with that unyielding complaint the Consumption
— I have too much reason to believe he has but a few days more to stay
with us. Dr. Castle was here today & says there is no hope of his con-
tinuing much longer. How solemn is this warning to the young!
This blessing you the like a flower is to be cut off in the morn-
ing of life just as his mind ~~was~~ began to expand and take in the
full sunshine of hope. Thus it may be with others even with
you my dear Grand Daughter. Your Father was removed when
to all appearance it was much more besetting that my self his
aged Father should be taken & left; and if this has been done
once it may be again & again without giving any reason
by which we can account for the Divine will. Be then always
ready. Have your lamp trimmed and burning and your loins
girt about with prayer & watchfulness & be clad with the prope-
rations of the Gospel of Peace. Don't think dear Mary
that I wish to make you sad by what I am now say-
ing to you. Far be it from me to add one pang to a

trust that I wth tenderly love as yours. True Religion
don't make its true purpose sad. They only have reason
soon to rejoice and be glad for they only are prepared to
meet death with cheerfulness which being inevitable must
come to all.

Your uncles Henry & Philander are quite well and
send their loves to you. Mr. Chase our own dear
Sarah has another daughter whom she intends nam-
ing Prudence after her paternal grand Mother now
with us. The dear new comer now about a month old
will be baptiz'd next Sunday, when the Holy Sacrament
is expected to be administered at the Protestant.

Tell your excellent Father, the Rev. Mr. Morse
I intend writing him a separate letter and
giving some account of my late tour and
of the sad accidents which befell me.

The effects of these accidents must apologise for
the bad writing in this to you.

My side is too painful for me to say any
thing more than that I am

Ever Dear Mary

Your loving and faithful

Grand Father

Philip Chase

Sarah's first daughter is named
Lucia Sophia: always pleasantly called "Fide" very lovely child
she is!

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Mary Chase

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