
Philander Chase Letters

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Letter to Intrepid Morse

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Robinson Aug 13 W 27.
9 o'clock P.M.

Dear Nephew;

Yours by my date that it is Sunday evening.

We have just arrived from our knees in family worship
that Great and ^{Good} Being, who made & redeemed ^{us} and on
whose bounty we continually live. The former part of this
sacred day has also been employed in his service. Our
congregation here on the frontier is not so numerous as
yours in the city; yet I think it by no means wanting
in true piety. You will be pleased to learn that your
dear Cousin Ruth, Mr. Samuel Chan's mother with his
sister and dying brother Dudley form a part of our
true worshippers. The bed of the sick and a pale youth
is placed, this in another room, to face the ^{Shakers} and
I have good reason to believe he joins sincerely in
the praises of that Church in its militant state
which in triumph over sin & death he will I trust
soon join in heaven. That this dear youth is here
to be a subject of my Jon ministrations, to receive
"the laying on of hands" from my unworthy self, &
that I should have the great and unspeakable
privilege of being instrumental in fitting & preparing
him for Heaven is a matter of amazement and
wonder. But all is moved by the consideration that
God delighteth to glorify his great name by mak-
ing use of the weakest and most inefficient in-
strument. That all the ^{praise} glory may be ascribed to
him. - Him only. Sunday before last I confirmed him
and gave him your dear Henry & Mary the Holy Sac-
rament. Our whole number of Communicants was

Since we draw on a 6. M. we have had the ^{Shakers} without advising them the effects of their failure to
send our funds to the hands of Paul Meek by 10. The letter from George on Sunday to pay
the draft - so all will be complete. - Missed the G's for his anniversary. ^{Shakers} and that is better than we deserve

A Mr. Bradley, a downout man about 30 years of age who has come here from New York State well recommended as a Candidate for Holy Orders and now inhabits a small tenement of yours (a log cabin 14 by 15 feet about 2 miles from the Robinsons) attends constantly our worship: and as he understands music and performs well on the簧笛 our chants and sacred songs are by his means much improved to our spiritual benefit. It would do your heart good to witness the tears of joy we shed when singing the praises of redeeming love even here in our lonely dwelling—especially since God has so mercifully shared me a little longer and returned me to comparative health after my late severe accident, of which you doubtless have been apprised by the public prints. —

Your presents by Dr. Castle were most thankfully recd. — We all have reason to believe there is something providentially appropriate to our wants in all you send us. — The same was mentioned this very evening with wonder. It would make you smile were I to go into particulars as Mrs. Chase did a few minutes ago. — I imprimis. A bottle of ink when ^{we} much need-
ed it. — A set of Casters to supply the place of that which was stolen from us — Wine for the Holy Sacrament when there was none to be had. Pure excellent vinegar for two persons one the dear Lucia & the other our dear Philander suffering under a severe attack of the dysentery. A cure of my neighbour's fellow who was about going 15 miles

for a surgeon [Stramonium] - a greek grammar, at the
every time Mr Chace was hunting for one in vain - in our
library - a bag of hops for Mrs. Repell which as a pillow has
kept her from many a sleepless night and for which she
very truly believes you are endowed with the power of se-
cond sight. Indeed it has done her so much good in this way
that we dare not injure her grateful feelings by telling
her that it is possible ~~that~~ you may have sent it
her for "Hop-rising" - Last of all two lamps at the
time our box of Candles were nearly gone.

As to the present for Henry in a polyglot
Bible & the velvet ^{for Philander} sermon case which
belonged to his dear brother, the Divine good-
ness has yet to develop their usefulness -

On the whole (comprehending many the most
precious articles), we hence to express our most
grateful feelings. Please accept them as an earnest
of your reward thro' Jesus Christ (tho' divine grace
prompted them) in a better world.

Do write often to me tho' the older I grow love
you better and better.

All send love to you and all under your
roof - except the same from

Your affectionate Uncle

Philander Chase

Rev. J. Morse

Most providentially the little sum, sent by the ladies in England to Mrs Chase to build a comfortable dwelling to supply the place of the house destroyed by fire, had not been expended for want of a title to the land on which we have "agitated." It was still in the hands of Messrs A & C. Halston of Phila. We therefore seized the opportunity and drew for it the very this thousand dollars back again into the Missionary fund, and in so doing feel a relief of inexpressible delight.

Please return
to Chase

By Chase. To Mr. Robinson with, Missions

The Rev. J. H. Morse

Sturbridgeville

Ohio

Aug 16

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P. S. on Monday Morning.

You see by the Report of the Board of Missions of our Church that the matter of granting me a salary was a mistake on all hands. In them to vote it in the first place, and in me to receive it. — The whole Church as concentrated in this body have declared it unconstitutional. As a necessary result my conscience dictated the immediate return of the \$1000 which I had rec^d for the last year and most devoutly do I pray that it may be appropriated to a more worthy purpose than to the maintenance of one and very paucity in our luxury and care