

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter from Philander Chase

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A consciousness of this proximity to objects  
once most dear to me, I trust, was not  
without a salutary effect as expressed  
to you in former letters. My eyes filled &  
flowed with tears afresh when I reflected that  
this was the last time, I ever shall en-  
joy the unspeakable pleasure of implo-  
ring on my knees, so near the remains of  
these loved ones, that heavenly grace  
which alone can enable me to imitate  
their virtues. — Obedience, sacred resting  
place of "just men-made perfect"!

Obedience! <sup>I shall see thee</sup> Memento no more till God  
shall say to thee, and to all the earth  
and the sea "give up your dead."

At 1 o'clock — P.M. — came to my lodgings  
among many friends, Joseph W. Tabor, <sup>Esq.</sup> of this  
city, called to see me. After some words  
of introduction I addressed him nearly in  
the following terms.

"Very dear Sir

"It is my wish in ad-  
dition to the great help which the cause of Illinois  
wile

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will receive from the excellent names  
which now adorn my list of subscribers  
that Jubilee College particularly the South  
Carolina Professorship shall have inscribed  
on her front pillars the names of the two  
most revered Prelates, the late Bishops  
of this Diocese Dehon & Bowen. —  
Having married a daughter of the latter, —  
will you in the name of that apostolic  
— al Pastor, your ever venerated now decess  
— ed relative, and for the sake of his virtues  
which ought to be had in everlasting remem  
— brance, and in behalf of all his surviving  
family, guarantee one half of the remain  
ing sixth part of the South Carolina  
Professorship. —

To this question after a little consideration, he  
answered most cheerfully — "Yes" — and  
afterwards added — "I am content to do so &  
"at this present, if you will write Bishop  
"Dehon's name first as he is the prior  
"prelate"  
"But" said I, "the friends of that Bishop

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"I have not had time sufficiently to  
consult; nor they to consider this propo-  
sition"

"The suggestion was your own," said he  
"that they should stand together, and his name  
must go first as he lived first." "When this  
is done" he continued "I will sign and  
promise the sum required for Bishop  
Bowen."

At this critical juncture, I saw my du-  
ty and the necessity of promptly per-  
forming it. "The Bishop of Illinois" will  
subscribe and guarantee, for the memory  
of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Dehon and on behalf  
of his much esteemed and loved relatives, the  
sum requisite to complete the South  
Carolina Professorship."

So there is subscribed by me \$33, <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to the S. Caro-  
lina Professorship of Jubilee College in memory  
of that best of men the Rt. Rev. Theodore Dehon  
once Bishop of S. Carolina - the donor from  
whom the S. Professorship is named

A legal friend was immediately sent for who  
took the necessary depositions of the witnesses to the

several subscriptions and all was complete  
This important paper was then in-  
closed in a respectful and most affection-  
timate letter to Colonel Richard Jones of  
St. Matthews Parish who had laid the  
foundation of this noble deed by his  
promise of one third of 40,000 should  
others be found to complete the whole.

As his near Relative was to set off  
for the residence of this generous Subscri-  
ber on the following day (the same  
in which I am now making this entry  
in my journal), it is now, at this  
moment on the road to its final com-  
pletion when it will be returned and re-  
corded in this city, by my dear Friend Dr.  
H. P. Manning."

Thus far the extract. God speed! when man-  
ny faithful hearts will be made willing to  
imitate what is performed, with a  
single eye to his glory must be pleasing  
in his sight. - Amen. -