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Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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Robin Hill. 22 May 1842.

My dear Grand Daughter

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My Ohio

A sweet name it is!

They do say, you think I have forgotten you. ~~It would seem that the whole life I have~~ But I will assure you I am nearly worn out now, for I have to work night and day; and Sunday the hardest of all. Today, Trinity Sunday, I have ~~imposed~~ ~~upon~~ ~~myself~~ ~~to~~ ~~preach~~ ~~twice~~ ~~and~~ ~~administer~~ ~~the~~ ~~Holy~~ ~~Communion~~ ~~to~~ ~~32~~ ~~persons~~ ~~of~~ ~~both~~ ~~sexes~~. Edward Busby, preached ~~twice~~ ~~and~~ ~~administered~~ ~~the~~ ~~Holy~~ ~~Communion~~ ~~to~~ ~~32~~ ~~persons~~ of both sexes. ~~My~~ ~~half~~ ~~our~~ ~~number~~ ~~of~~ ~~Communicants~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~past~~ ~~not~~ ~~being~~ ~~detained~~ ~~by~~ ~~reason~~ ~~of~~ ~~inclement~~ ~~weather~~. On week days I am obliged to attend to the workmen in finishing off Jubilee Cottage and its stable, barn, and other adornments. not forgetting the the board fences for enclosures the gates the spacious garden and the ^{Lawn} ~~room~~ ~~traps~~ for the girls filled with trees growing on the green grass - But my cash is now nearly all gone and will see by the accompanying State note - My the by; the engraving alluded to is just yet come from St. Louis. It shall be sent you soon

You know that old people are apt to have had pens & it is
so now for the young ones steal their penknives
and their eyes grow dim in the bargain. - But this shall
not hinder me from writing on, to you, Dear Mary.

Dudley and Sarah are quite well. I dine with them
every week-day - being only a couple of miles from the
dear Cottage. They say this name the "Cottage" will
have to be given up, because of the comparative
magnitude of the building. Why, will you believe it,
It is 3 stories high in one place! Don't laugh
at this: for it is indeed so; and a finer dormi-
tory up aloft there never was; and then to think
of the library room - the large dining room &
parlour on the ground floor and the two tea-
ing rooms besides dormitories in the 2^d story.
Glad I am that it is now nearly finished. -

The garden will be done ploughing tomorrow: if
God should be pleased to bless us. - But as I was say-
ing about your aunt Sarah & uncle Dudley
& they seem quite content. Certainly they are
well employed she in her housewifery; he in
reading his books & preparing for the Ministry.
You would be surpris'd to witness how well
he is getting on. He and his fellow students

Dr. Southgate passed a very good & ^{interesting} examination lately
and then to see what great Dudley takes in the Sun-
day schools - both on the Hill and at Charleston 4
miles off: at which latter place he goes every Sunday
afternoon - In the morning he instructs in the
College School rooms, and if I may judge from the
few times I have overheard him exhorting the boys
and praying with them, I have great reason to re-
joice that I have another son like you and
Father.

Your aunt Mary and Mary Moore came home
to the Robin's Nest with me today - It is vacation, and they
will stay here till we all go to the Convention
next week at Bushville.

Philander is now nearly as stout as his Father
His teachers say he is doing well. Henry & his
wife are well. Indeed we have great reason
to be thankful for general health on the Hill.

Tell your Grand Father that I never shall
forget him and the pleasure I had anticipated
in his loved society. Tell Ann that she is
never forgotten when we tell over the names
we love. Tell your Dear Mother & Hon^d Father they
always ^{are} remembered in my prayers: and be
assured yourself of the never dying love of your
hon^d old Illinois grandfather Phil^r Chase
the best -