

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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Jubilee College Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1842

My dear Grand Daughter:

I wrote you a letter sometime ago in answer to yours, but it did not go; till it grew quite an old story, and our folks thought I had better write you one: and the best beginning I can make is to say at once that we are all well except myself. A bad cold has settled on my lungs, & I cough almost the whole night. To me my confinement in a room is irksome having been thro' my whole life so accustomed to exercise abroad. Dudley is better in health than usual. He went to Farmington last Saturday & returned on Monday (yesterday) on horseback: and tho' the weather was 9° below zero yet he stood it well. He says he had a good and attentive congregation. I find from what I can learn from others that his preaching is quite acceptable & promises to be the instrument of great good. As you say he reminds <sup>me</sup> of your dear Father and I begin to live my life over again in him. — Sarah was never better in health. She staid with us in Dudley's absence and added much to our happiness. Mrs Chase my dear Wife is as busy as ever. Nothing is seen to as it ought to be but by <sup>her</sup> vigilant and judicious eye. We have a house-keeper as your Father knows in Mrs Buggy but even she would be nothing but

for the oversight of a wiser head.

Henry you know is married and lives at the Robins rent  
They have a fine boy whom we begin to love dearly  
Mr Bennett our Clerk is married to the daughter  
-ter of Henry's wife. Their place of residence when  
finished will be a portion of the house we live in  
at present they stay with Henry's family.  
Our dear Samuel is better this ~~and~~ weather than  
I feared he would be. I share him in the service  
and the sermon as much as I can. Last Sunday  
he preached once and we were all pleased with  
his sermon. Tho' quite anxious about his health  
his wife is well, as also is our dear Lucia his  
Mother in law. The 3 young Daughters are  
well and quite beloved by us all. Mrs Mrs  
Radley are well. Doctor Southgate will,  
if the Lord will, be ordained on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Advent. The notice of this important event  
(being the first ordination ever held in Jubi-  
lee Chapel) has already been given in the Pa-  
pers; and should the day prove favourable  
doubtless the Congregation will be very large.  
You see I have as yet said nothing of my dear  
daughter Mary. This is not because she is in-  
different to us, but quite the contrary. Our  
winter has come on so unexpectedly that our  
kitchen and other accommodations for the

kins of Pupils are not finished and we are quite disappointed. The school does not in  
crease, and another <sup>year</sup> must probably pass over  
our heads before we can determine whether  
our attempt will be, or not be, successful.

— There is no money in the country and  
we pay our workmen (16 in number) by  
means of our store. For this till your Grand  
Father does not in debt, and I hope there  
will be no anxiety no sorrow & gall  
prognostications about us. Our proverb  
our Motto—our favourite promise  
is still the same "Schurah first  
"God will provide", and indeed he  
doth provide. We live literally on  
his daily bounty—and every stone we  
lay in Jubilee is cemented with a prayer.  
I hope my labour here will not end in despair as  
in Ohio. My success I trust will not compare  
Subtle in debt 3000 the sum that I hear, Ken.  
you College is indebted. That it may not be I in  
tend to continue my labours, and my wife in  
tend to exercise her economy. She at this  
minute mending stockings and in the day wash  
she is busy in doing the duties of a Tailor to  
the family and neighbours. We drink no wine nor  
strong drink. All the extravagance is in keeping 12  
oxen <sup>& 9 horses</sup> continually at work for the College in draw  
ing stone and lumber. Our number of hands em  
ployed is 16. If the cold weather continue to of them  
will be discharged after our 3000 bushels of coal shall  
have been dug and 100 cords of wood shall have been  
drawn.

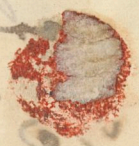
Our Maturity increases slowly. The addition  
of the best of Mathematical Teaching will add  
to the public confidence in us. A Mr Foste  
from Washington College Conn. well recommended  
by President Lotter is now here and much liked

Free School  
B.M.

Miss Mary A. Case  
Steubenville  
Ohio

Not in receipt  
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MARY OLIVER



He is a candidate for Holy Orders together with  
another Teacher Mr Warren the Cousin of Mr.  
F. I think you must have learned from your  
uncle Sarah that Mr Chas's dwelling house is  
now moved to the Boys boarding house. It  
has an addition to it designed as a study for Mr.  
Chasom - The yard round the College is full  
of stones & the heap every day growing lar-  
ger. I believe this is all the News. So I close  
with giving you my blessing & sending love to all please