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Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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My dear Grand Daughter Mary

John Cottage Jan 13
1843

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Y^{rs} Father to we have

had a very cold winter. It is now nearly two months since the severe weather commenced. During this period the ice has with the exception of two or three days, scarcely melted. Yesterday it commenced to snow about noon - which did not abate till nearly morning. Today it was too cold and stormy to turn out any more than necessity compelled till afternoon when six yoke of oxen was put before the big sled which being driven by two able teamsters broke the road between this and Mr. Ingrahams about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from us. His family we heard were suffering for want of coal and the team I have mentioned took a large load to the poor sufferers.

We are now only advanced in the winter to the 12th of January and yet our winter provision for cattle sheep and horses is more than half exhausted.

But why should I neglect to tell you of our own family of human beings here at the Cottage - My dear wife your Grand mother is now after a long spell of dangerous illness fast recovering and this day has begun to use her pen & needle to keep the office accounts and our clothing in order due. She has not quite thrown on yet nor ventured to go out of her room ^{nor} yet at our table.

Yet her eyes look so much brighter than they did a few days ago, that I have great hopes that her exercise is not premature but a proof of returning good health.

The rest of our family as well as the inhabitants of the College and Inglewood & Radley House & the Robinsons are all in good health. The Norwicks are home left us and otherwise we find full as good if not better.

The sermon which the Rev. S. Chas. Preacher at the ordination of Dr. Southgate is now about to be published. It is spoken of as a very good thing for the times. It leans neither to Rome nor Geneva, but has an onward aspect truly primitive.

Besides this I will send you soon a letter to my Clergy about not allowing Mormon baptism as equal to that of "Other Denominations" as the phrase goes. I think you will be surprised that this sect should so soon come forward to claim the Privileges of the Church of Christ. What will our left handed brethren say to the horns being placed on a par with Joe Smith & his disciples? Your uncle

Dudley and myself spent last Sunday in Peoria. This sermon was much liked by many people. I do indeed he is a good preacher.

You see by what I have said that I have quite recovered
of my late indisposition. Some portion of my deep
cough however still remains - but I think when I take
care of myself I am better

I have lately received a letter from Dr. Shelton of Buf
falo on the subject of my 3^d & 4th No. of the Reminiscences
He says to me these words

"You have opened to me a page of history
which had been closed from my view as much as
if it had been written in Egyptian hieroglyphics -"
I believe this remark to be strictly true: for
this Gentleman was one whose eyes the splendor
of - B. F. A's Character had blinded so that he
saw nothing in its true light. What will
not prejudice do? While this was covering the
minds of men as a thick cloud, how could they see
that which when the same is blown away by God's
holy providence appears so plain!

The same change will I trust take place when
I come to tell the scenes which passed in Ohio -
May God give me grace to perform the task of
performing an impartial & faithful Historian in
the latter as I must be both done in the for-
mer instance. Truth can never injure. It is in
seeking to cover it the danger lies.

May God bless you dear Mary so prays your
affectionate C. T. to Chas

Jan 14. Dublin. N.Y. 20 1/2

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P.M.

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