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Letter to Philander Chase

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Right Reverend & Holy

Bishop of Exeter & Monmouth 23 July 1841

Dear Sir! I should not have been so long in thanking you for your most kind & welcome & interesting letters of the 11 Nov 1840 & one which dated but for a long & distressing illness which confined me more than 4 months to my bed, & from which I am still only so far recovered as to spend my days in this, creeping into the garden sometimes, or taking a short airing. My mind has been in the heart, the chief seat of grief whether in mind or body, & I have been part to look to for the application of remedy. Dear Sir! How w'd it have you helped & comforted me if you had been at my bedside in my extremity! It is indeed that I have been without spiritual advisers well to be listened to. Mr. Parkes the author of the retrospect & who has been my frequent intimacy. Lord Wm. Ashley Russell, & several others of like mind & I cannot say how precious their prayers & exhortations have been to me. I was taken suddenly, when apparently well, & so happy as ever in a life of indeed a poor & trifling happiness. I was, being on my knees at the time with our little household, & had reason to think that I might be removed in a moment. This state of things was permitted by my impiously wise & good heavenly Father to witness more than I could bear, & I am even now scarcely convalescent. But I dwell too far on my personal circumstances only to say that I account this visitation as the greatest mercy & blessing; & do indeed

almost dread the return into the world, as the cloud burst
for the sunshine of that sweet peace wh. was graciously ^{restored}
safed to me when he would send put paper out of my sight has
appeared to me of unspeakable moment to my everlasting good. I
then letter wish you, dearest friend! let me beg your prayers that
all my health be mercifully restored for a time, may not the per-
mitted to fall away from the solemn impressions, the particular
Mercy has made for me throughout its continuance; & that I
shall be made by the grace of God more sensible of my people
nature, of my spiritual need of my only Saviour, & of the constant help
of the Holy Spirit. In great mercy, my dear help meets health
has been so far restored that she has been enabled to endure me
all the pious services which blessed Providence for man; well
being & comfort so wonderfully supplies. Within the last year
three deaths of near relations - ~~two~~ of her niece, & one of her
nephew, & a dear Christian Justice in law (at High Wycombe)
have much affected us. But we have found that these
things are good for us, & have throughout not really lacked so
good things. Very often, the sweet examples of persons, dear
Mr. Cook & yourself have come powerfully to our minds &
hearts, & have been made, I hope, useful to us. In what
we to call afflictions, dearest friend! compared with yours.
And how I enjoy the recollection that such dear friends
have nevertheless been graciously carried thro' all their suffer-
-enthusiasm as to lift up voices of praise & thanksgiving
to be heard across the Atlantic! Oh! dearest Mother & boy
thankplendued we are to have been in the kind Providence
of God thro' the various particulars

represented with your remarkable history! May it be made here
and there, throughout the world, when we shall all
have left our several scenes of probation in "the wilderness of this
world"! And may more and more of that "peace which passeth all
understanding," beloved Sir! be graciously given to you & mine,
his whatsoever may remain to you of "the chances & changes
of mortal life!" My dear wife sent off yesterday
a carefully prepared statement which she has had lay on her
mind to be furnished for insertion, of the paper well, in her
weekly illustrated "Family Visitor." The object of it is to obtain
by small subscriptions a sufficient annual sum to provide
for establishment at dear Adam's school as a servant school
which has quite pleased us to think that you should
want this ordinary relief, & should be thus compelled
to "write to us" instead of giving your valuable time, strength
& labors of love in mind & body to so much more worthy objects.
Our endeavours for the little matter have been suspended
by the two circumstances which have for the present suspended
our own personal means of help where they had been
the delight of our hearts to have done an hundred fold. But
the cessation altogether of my professional income coming on
me by practice of not being by money (for thus we have
thought to be our only for many years): I very recently had
emptied of my W. Combe brother under circumstances of great
difficulty has thrown upon us, almost entirely, the support
of his five children, his excellent Mother being, as I have
already said, removed by death at the very crisis of the
trouble.

But we hope, my most dear friend! to be permitted to testify our
sincere affection & care for you in some way. Had we before
good "to prove us, & to humble us" to be made to feel that the
dearest wishes of our hearts for even the most favored objects

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especially all the relatives to you & yours are) can be done
as well if not better by their hands instead of our own. It is
wonderful goodness of God in all such the graciously appoints
for us, whether for the present it seems a "high" or "a prison"
and now, most honored Bishop! I must be soiled by
farewell for a season again! Truly we love you with all
our hearts & send all the love of our family we can
for Sam & yours & their most affectionately
J. Remond