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Letter to Thomas Holme

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Illinois, U. States of America
Jubilee College 28th of Oct. 1893

To the Rev. Tho' Holme.
East Cowton.
near North Allerton, Yorkshire

Dear & very dear Sir

Fast things
have more deeply affected me than the situation of Mrs. Lane
George, one of your parishioners, now a Lamb of Christ's fold of
whom God has made me the overseer

In my late tour through the
worn parts of my diocese I went to see this good woman &
witnessed with mine own eyes her deprivations & the many diffi-
culties with which God hath called her to struggle. As I entered the
Home little James, her youngest son ran from my pres-
ence to hide his nakedness in his mother's bed. This was in
an adjacent room from which the weather was cold he
came forth covered with the poorest summer garment

When I told her it was my intention to take him home
with me & put him to school, and feed and clothe him
she could not refrain from tears both wept for joy

When she inquired what were my prospects of remunera-
tion, having nothing herself to pay her own Expenses
at school, I replied that God would provide & she might set
her heart at rest. The boy was accordingly made ready at
my expense and came with me to Jubilee, and is now happy
with other lads of his age learning the rudiments of our language

It is about ten days since my arrival; and during that
period he has shown a good disposition & a steady applica-
tion to his books.

I will not speak of Mrs. George's other sons more than to say

they are her only dependance in earning a scanty pit-
tance for themselves their mother and widowed sister and
her child. James is the boy of promise being only 11 -
an age too young to be corrupted by the bad example
of an ignorant and vicious neighbourhood. - Dear little
fellow! my heart is much engaged in his favour
and as I think I see in him a future ornament to
Church of Christ and an instrument of the salvation
of many souls I rejoice with exceeding joy that I have
succeeded in bringing him to Jubilee. As I have never
trusted God in vain I have full faith that his bills
will be paid. I will make them out with honest accuracy
both for his clothing, boarding, lodging, tuition books
and other incidental and necessary expences and send
them to you my dear fellow worker in the vineyard
of the Lord. They will not exceed 30 £ of your money
annually - and such is my knowledge of the English
character that I have the fullest faith they will be promptly
and steadily paid. - Pray lay this matter before the benev-
olent ladies of your parish and see if it be not so - tell
them that Bishop Chase the aged asks this favour of
them. Tell them that he has drawn many a bill of
this sort on the Lord's bank in England and never
as yet has one been protested. Tell them that Bishop
Chase who asks the favour of them feels himself bound
to exert his utmost strength in search of English
children when ^{pursuing} in the wilds of his Diocese: and that
having found this dear one he can never give him up

till his education is completed for the Ministry — If
the Lord will!! — so that if they will not give some other
more favoured persons will do it for it is more blessed to
give than to receive!! — We have the word of Jesus for it.
In a few days I shall be 65 years of age and in the
past season have travelled thro' the length and breadth
of a Diocess larger than all England & Wales put together
and for 8 weeks in course have preached as many times
save one as there were days in that period. I have no
salary but am fed as Elijah was. Pray write to me soon.
Praying that God may bless you & your people with the
abundance of his grace I am

Rev^d Sir

Your faithful Servant in
Christ our Lord Phil.^m Cha

P.S. I go this day five and twenty miles to
confirm & preach twice to morrow. Mr Radley an English
man and candidate for Orders goes with me. The persons
to be confirmed are english. I go in a coach that was
purchased with English money.

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