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Letter to Gerardus Clark

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To Grandus Clark Esq.

Jubilee College Nov. 25.

Very Dear Sir

Few things have given me more pleasure than your Legal Opinion in the report on the lawfulness of giving the Holy Scriptures in our public schools. In reading it my very soul rejoiced that there was one man who had the ability and moral courage in the face of infidelity and Romanism to write and set forth the Truth on so important a subject. And when I reflected that the person who did this is one whom I have had thro' a long course of years reason to esteem very highly my satisfaction amounted to ecstasy. In this sentiment I am joined by my dear wife your old acquaintance to whom I read your Opinion accompanied with words of unfeigned commendation. May God our Heavenly Father, bless our friend and the friend of the best interests of our race, as our mutual wish.

You see I associate my dear wife in the expression of good wishes for your happiness. I have more reasons than one for

for so doing. I am prompted to it not only by
reason of your mutual regard for your charac-
ter; but because I would wish to avoid all ap-
pearance of Episcopal interference with things
pertaining to another's diocese, and the im-
putation of papal jurisdiction so much depre-
-ciated since I have by the providence of God the
Senior Bishop. Who would not be cautious
in these days on account of such ~~un-
warrantable~~ reasons as these.

But to be serious. - I have seen a pamphlet
printed in New York containing a Collection of the
several Opinions of the English Bench of Bishops
on the subject of the late movement towards
Rome in that Country. It struck me when I
read it that if my Clergy in Illinois were in-
possession of this little work it would be a great help
to them in forming a right opinion of the State of things
so as to guide their own foot steps in the way of righte-
ousness. - But I am poor and can not afford to
send them ^{at my own expense} not one half of my travelling expenses e-
-ven are paid for by my people. - for the rest of my sub-
-sistence I have to depend on the labour of my family & the
produce of a little farm which in these times is nearly
as much expence as profit to me in all cases of a work re-
quiring hired labour. I did hope something from the

Publication of my Reminiscences but hitherto I am not half reimbursed the expenses of the paper.

In the face of all opposition our Institution prospers. The Proof of our "West Wing", as we call it is this day completed. It is 83 ft. in length and two stories high, built of hewn stone and under the majestic trees on Jubilee Hill commands the admiration of all who behold it. We shall take care and not be in debt when we leave it for a better world.

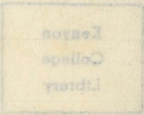
You will see by the little book I send you that I did not leave you in debt, as implied in Bp: McLean's address. How could I, when the following statement of facts is true?

Bp: McLean's rep of the means which helped
Sale of the North Section of land 4,000 acres \$22,500
Mr. Hannah Morris' legacy to me - 2000th part 1,000
Mr. Clark of Phil^a - Do One thousand Dollars - 1,000
Arrearages of Students bills _____ 3,000
27,500

For particulars I refer you to the 3 letters of the Rev. Saml Chase to me sent by this post.

Your ever faithful friend &
Servant in the Lord
Phil. Chase

P.S. for the names of my clergy
inquire of the Rev. Mr. Harris
who edits the "Spirit of Missions"



— Emily —
to
Pearl
Carr

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