

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Olivea Chase

Philander Chase

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To Mrs Olivea Chase

Jubilee College Illinois  
to your - 1844

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Dear Sister:

I am deeply affected at the tidings of the ill health of our dear Sister Cotton: and what adds to my sad feelings is the ignorance I am kept in regard to your own health and that of dear Brother Dudley. Feeling old age creeping on myself I sympathize with my cotemporaries in proportion to my own weakness pain and lassitude. But who will reciprocate my affectionate regards if you do not? Therefore pray let me hear from you.

I am now writing the 7<sup>th</sup> number of my Reminiscences and were it not that it hath become unto me an Old Story I should say that the work gives me pleasure as well as trouble. I delight to dwell on joyful deliverances and especially the many instances of kindness I have met with from those whom I love and who love me. None more dear to me in this way than my best of Brothers & best of Sisters, your husband & yourself.

The time and events of my life which I am now recording are those of <sup>the period</sup> when I left the Valley of Peace and fixed myself in Michigan: but alas! all the papers I had on these subjects ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> destroyed by fire in the conflagration of my house 1835-6-



Did I not write to you and Brother Dudley often  
when I began my plans in Branch County, Mis-  
-sissippi. — Perhaps some of these were not des-  
-troyed. — If so, will you not have the goodness  
to forward them to me under covers not exceeding  
one half of an ounce each. — N. B. I am most  
at a loss for want of dates. — Any thing that will  
throw light on the subject of my history will be  
most acceptable. — The 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> numbers are  
now in Boston at the Bookstore of Mr. J. Dow the  
printer of the Christian Witness. By sending a person  
there Mr. Dow will deliver to the order of Dudley  
Chace of Randolph any numbers of the  
work he may want. — If on hand. — I will di-  
rect Mr. Dow to do so. — They <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> no become more  
or more interesting.

My dear Wife sends her best love  
to you and my loved Brother. She is, at present suffering under  
the effects of a bad cold caught in our late visit to Knoxville about  
about 30 miles to the west of us. My children, Dudley, Henry, Ma-  
ry and Philander are in good health. Philander, however  
who went with us to Knoxville is indisposed with a bad cold.

My grandsons Dudley and Alex-  
ander are two fine boys tho' born to be poor. — Mrs Lucia  
Kupell now the happy grandmother of four fine children  
is the same faultless angel being you know her to be



Samuel Chase her son-in-law, the husband of our  
dear Sarah is now in his prime. The best of men &  
a respected author. You'll soon see from under his  
hand a Review of Jubilee: which I hope will be  
pleasing to you and my dear Brother.

I have rec'd a letter lately from Mary Batchelder now  
Mrs. Caswell dated in some place in England where her  
husband has obtained a Curacy - It is kindly in its  
expressions towards me and all her American friends  
& relatives. I think she considers herself as fixed in  
that country so as not to expect to see America again.

Our College affairs go on pretty well. The West  
wing of the Quadrangle 83 feet long is now being fin-  
ished. Its appearance is generally much admired on  
account of its permanency and beauty.

I confirmed five on Christmas day  
and administered the Sacrament to 43 - about  
half of our numbers. The rest were kept back by  
reason of bad roads.

On the whole my own health is  
much better than it was last winter. I preach often  
and go on journeys to do Episcopal duties as usual  
or pray write to me soon and must oblige

Your loving brother

Philander Chase



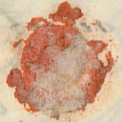
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