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Letter to Olivea Chase

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To Mrs Oliver Chan

Trinity College Mar 8th 1844

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My dear Sister

Yours of the 14th of Feb. has but just arrived. But long as it has been in coming, never was there a letter more welcome. I have read it over and over again; and so has my dear Wife and Mary; and always with renewed pleasure.

I am rejoiced to find that our dear good Sister Mrs. Cotton is (for her) well; and that Brother Byrbe keeps in good health and spirits. What you say of Brother Simon and wife gives me great pleasure. From Laura I hear of the recovered health of Sister Rachael; and last tho' not least the gradual mend in you - Dear Husband's spirits make all together good tidings; hardly to be expected in persons so advanced in the lapse of years - Do give my best love to them all assuring them of my prayers for their temporal and eternal welfare.

I thank you for sending me my old Epistles: altho my story I had gone beyond the time they embrace, long before they arrived, they may be of use in the 7th Number. It is now nearly finished. Those who have read the Manuscript think it the best of all the previous numbers.

I hope, by this time, you have sent for the numbers
to complete your set of this work which is causing
me so much trouble and expense. So much have
I set my heart on the approbation of myself and
my dear brother Dudley, that were you & he never
to read what I have written (chiefly for the in-
spection of my friends and posterity), I know not
how I could bear the disappointment.

You mention the expectation of my coming to see
you next summer. If I can get the needful
I most surely shall do so. And many will come
with me and your sincere friend & sister, my be-
loved wife, will also accompany me, provided
the Lord give us health and strength.

But don't be too sanguine. Before we
can afford to bear so great an expense
we must sell our Michigan Farm. For
some part of this I have had some offers,
but nothing for certain. I have not salary
from Illinois to pay half my travelling
expenses within the diocese; and were it
not for the presents sent from some good
Ladies in Eng. to my dear wife & the good
for the support of the college expenses &
go unpaid for in N York so it is.
Yet we go on improving depending
on the promise "God will provide"

Our Spring opens very early. Already have I begun to put in garden seeds: and today is a warm rain as in May.

But the old adage is "Winter does not rot in the sky." If it prove so this year, if there be season of cold weather late in April our flock will suffer. But we hope for better things. All this of temporal things.

If I speak of Spiritual things. — "such as pertain unto the Kingdom of God;" My heart seems to sink within me. — What a figure do you good Bishop and myself cut in Bp. B. T. O's Pastoral Letter. — Is this the way to build up the walls of Zion by pointing a blunderbuss at the head of those whose worst fault is in "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints?" — Pray write me what you think of my reply to this ~~letter~~ ^{and word} ~~from New York~~ shot from New York. — I have as yet heard not a word of my letter to those Gentlemen yet.

Dudley of whom you inquire so affectionately with his dear wife and sweet little son are well — Henry's wife is now nearly well. Her 2^d son is a large fine fellow. — All I am! Children Sarah & Mrs. Thupell are well. You are never forgotten by Mrs. R. Her virtues shine as bright as ever. My wife and Mary send love — Your loving Brother
Phileander

Ed. Chase

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