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Letter to Philander Chase

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Birmingham 20 May 1844

Right Reverend & most dear Bishop!

Enclose with a thankful heart for your kind acceptance
 a Bank Post Bill for £61 which some earnest friends
 to you & your holy cause have sent to us for yourself
 & your comfort. May it please God to prosper its
 safe passage over the great waters to your hands,
 & bless your appropriation of it to the best satisfaction
 of your heart's desire, so that you may be permitted
 even in this poor day & generation to see its fruits
 to the good of your fellow creatures, & to His Glory. Amen!
 You will have safely, I trust, received in due
 time a Bill for £500 dispatched from hence from
 several kind friends) on the 24 Feb: & another
 for the same sum from Lord Kenyon sent on the 31
 March. The names of the Christian contributors
 on this present occasion will be given you in this sheet.
 The £500 for Mrs Chas's Servant will be forwarded
 at Midsummer. And now having concluded

these matters of business, let me, notwithstanding, thank
you for your welcome letters received on the 15th & 16th March.
Much did they delight & edify me, & that a few bene-
volences. We were indeed that you should know that
very many of those who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity
& truth seek to know your words as they would find
be helped by them in their way thro' "the wilderness of
this world," seeing how you are yourself helped, even by
that spirit of wisdom & love which "cometh from
above" & has nothing in it "of the earth, earthly."
Oh! for a precious outpouring of that blessed Spirit upon
us all, in life & in death, for the sake who died for
us, even the poor, helpless creatures! How comfortable
to reflect upon the course of them who have been led
as sheep by the good shepherd even unto the end, like
your dear Mary Child! It is probable that you
have been informed of her early removal from "this
dim spot, which men call earth" to "an habitation not
made with hands, eternal in the heavens," there to
rejoice with "the spirits of just men made perfect." If
not, I prize to be the messenger of intelligence to you
which for a season will be from your

affectionate heart. She died after a very few days
illness; having very recently before written to my beloved
help me to the letter I enclose as surely due to yourself
from her hand. A sweet poem it displays. May you
meditate with holy comfort on her pleasant path, so
mark as it truly was enlightened by your own. I
"renew of John the Baptist" came safely; & very much we
are obliged to the Rev. Samuel Chase for so clear & im-
portant a statement of your complicated & trying claims.
We rejoice & are thankful for your warm & earnest pro-
-test against Tractarianism. Here
it spreads fearfully. As the religion of
poor human nature — of works —
it is acceptable to the unenlightened mind. The most pain-
ful circumstance connected with it is that so many
who have been reputed for Evangelical fall into the
snare. The truth is, we believe, that a large proportion
of these have only been such by education, habit
& association, & never really awakened to the reception
of the Truth "in the love of it": & hence, when a
system so flattering to the unconverted priest, &
so welcome to all naturally, is presented to the mind,

it carries all before it. It insinuates itself into all circles. The arts, the sciences, hail it; for they find in it something which has a flavor of religion, & earn
woks their friendly aid, without requiring that their
volumes "cut off the right hand"; a "pluck out the right
eye". Very earnestly we hope, most beloved Bishop!
that you will lift up your voice against this fearful
heresy — I pray, altho' not so yet called — at all
convenient seasons & places. It has pleased Him who
saith as it seems good to Him to give you a name in
these kingdoms which may make your words of a value
to immortal souls, & to the Church, you hardly think of.
We rejoice to think too of all the hopeful & already
excellently useful members of your house. The Lord be
with you all! Amen!

My father says, Dr. Pusey, of Reading, Berkshire
is a most earnest & active friend to yourself, Mr. Chapin,
all your important defects.

London two of Mr. P.'s letters on cheap schools
to the poor, which have been remarkably prospered here.
No bad boys are wanted. The children mainly pay the
expenses. And "Emulation" is kept out. Ever,
dearest Bishop, your most respectful & affectionate
friend & servant James Pusey.

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