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Letter to Olivea Chase

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K. Ch. 44.1125
Norwich Connecticut
25 of Nov^r 1844

To Mrs Olivea Chase

Dear Sister:

I am now in the neighborhood of Preston, I think your birthplace. Your mother's anecdotes about Parson Tyler of Norwich and Mr. Hart of Preston come fresh to my mind as if spoken yesterday - I seem to live over again the days which she once lived in Preston. - How I wish she were now alive and with me as I look over the River and behold that lovely Village! But this can not be; so I recur to the living and ask you if nothing remains on your mind to make you sympathetic with me now I am here in Norwich? If you have quite forgotten the scenes of your childhood; then let me tell you all about my coming here and what I have done since here; and ask you to take a part in my labours and pray for me that "my strength may be equal to my day."

I left New York last Thursday morning at 1/2 past six in New York No 41. Broadway with good Mr & Mrs. Gibson our best, kindest, friends. My object was to go to New London by the Railroad across Long Island by the S. Boat. But when we arrived at N. London Wharf - the weather

was boisterous; and the Steam Boat could not
be made to stop in one place long enough for an
old man to walk a plank and get in safety to the
shore. So I was obliged to go forward and come to
this place to find friends. And here indeed I have
found them so plenty and so sincere as to invite
me to stay and preach and speak about my dear
Jubilee. There is little doubt I shall obtain one
scholarship in Norwich; and I hope to do the
same in New London whither I think of going
day after tomorrow, and where I hope to spend
next Sunday - on Monday - is a week from to
day I shall return to New York. One Sunday
spent in that City will bring me to the week
in which the trial of the Bp. of New York takes
place; for which 'solemn event may I be
prepared with a double portion of Heavenly
Aid!

I want to hear how my dear Brother is -
Will you have the goodness to write me a letter
addressing it to the care of James F. De Kay at No
57. South Street, adding these words to the end of my name
("P. Master (Rubin) at Ill. now at.")
Pray say something about my other brother & my two
dear Sisters, Mrs Colton & Mrs Denier.

You may think me quite well when you notice how
I go about and preach: but it is otherwise. Since
the cold weather has set in; my catarrh of the
throat has increased: so that I cough in the night
nearly, and in the daytime my head aches,

The streams will be all closed before
I am permitted to set off for the Far West
- so that I believe I shall not attempt it.

The consequence will be one of two things
either to go the southern States and spend the
winter or try another voyage to England.
In either event I entreat your prayers.

When you ^{go} to ~~brother~~ Royatta don't forget
to talk about your absent brother.

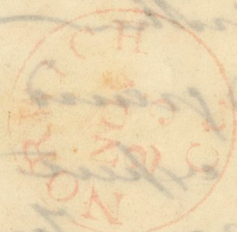
Speak kindly to my beloved grand Children:
whom I can not reasonably expect to see again
in this world. Assure them of my prayers and
heartly blessing.

I have not heard from my family from whom
I parted last May, for a long time. Our dear Samuel was on
the Mississippi River when he last wrote with ten boys &
dear Lucia all in good health. - Since that time
I have sent ten more to Jubilee. God grant that
all arrive in safety. Give my best love to brother
Dudley,
Ever faithfully your loving Brother
Mildred Chase

Bishop Chase's Card
Not with Bonnet
November 25th
1847

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