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Letter to Philander Chase

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England
Ireland

20. Dec. 1845

Wm. Bishop Chase

Mr. A. of B. has sent me a statement of your wants for Jubilee College. I am a person of little influence or means, but shall feel sincere pleasure in affording such aid as may be in my power to the good work of faith and labor of love in which you are engaged. It has been a source of comfort to the friends of Scripture truth in our Episcopal Church of England that yourself and the other Bishops of the American Church have courageously withstood those in high places who were unfaithful to their solemn obligation "to use all diligence to banish erroneous and strange doctrines" from among the pastors & flocks committed to their charge.

Here I am sorry to say the case is otherwise. Pernicious errors have sprung up and been propagated in our communion with the apparent approval of some of our Bishops and without any decided and becoming opposition from most of the others. The present position of our Church is ever alarming one and if our Universities of Cambridge & Oxford continue to send forth and our Bishops continue to admit to the ministerial office men of whom the majority are

are at least semi-papists a separation
on a large scale of our Laity from the Clergy
is I think inevitable. May God be gracious
to our Church and continue it a witness
to his truth to the ends of the earth

I am a married man of 50. with
eight children. Would you mind the
trouble of writing a scrap of paper with
a short text of scripture for each your
name and the date being given + +

Our dear Friend Bishop Alexander
[of Jerusalem] has been called from the
earthly Jerusalem which is in
bondage with her children to the
City above which is free and the
mother of us all.

You and I shall never meet
in the flesh. May we by the
Redeemers merits meet our dear
friend in the mansions of the
blessed.

"O. May we join the throng
Their sacred pleasures share
And sing the everlasting song
With all the ransomed throng!"

Farewell dear Bishop &
faithful Pastor in the flock
of Christ. Remember me in
your prayers & believe me
ever faithfully yours.