

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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My dear Grand Daughter Mary Ohio

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of last month reached us a few days ago. It gave us much pleasure to learn that you were all in good health. I wish I could say the same with regard to your dear Uncle Dudley. He has been so ill for several <sup>weeks</sup> ~~days~~ that I thought proper to interdict his preaching or reading prayers. His com-plaint seems to be of a bilious character, and today he has taken active medicine to try to carry it off. The snow falling and the wind blowing I went over to see him in the morning and urged him to take the medicine. This evening Mrs Chace my wife wrote to Sarah to know if she desired come over to sit up with Dudley and keep up the fire. Yes she would send for Philander to come to help her. But Sarah returns for answer that Dudley is much better and that the medicine having had a good effect the fever was going off and that Dudley now had the prospect of a good nights rest. This is good news and instead of desponding we are all of a cheerful countenance.

Your Aunt Mary is well except in periodical head aches. We were both pleased to read the Review of the Rev. Mr. Crosswells letter to Mr. Eastburn. Mary

all attempts to spread Puseyism, and to withstand  
the rebukes which they deserve with Mock Reverence  
while hatred wrangles in the heart meet with the  
like just chastisement. Prey upon is this Mr. Laines?  
Another thing which cheers us all is the hope of con-  
tinued peace with England. What a blessing has this  
Mr. Calhoun been to our dear Country; if his  
efforts be crowned with success! A war with  
England now that Steam has produced such  
multiplied and dreadful means of death &  
destruction and those means in her hands  
being so inexhaustibly greater than they are  
or can soon be in our power, would in its  
very commencement deprive me of all enjoy-  
ment and in the end kill me. Oh May God  
in mercy avert it for Christi sake.

We are getting on amazingly well with all our af-  
-fairs. One Church has already been consecrated in  
this County and three more in our immediate vicinity are nearly ready for  
use. Add to this the part of the great mass of our  
School of the Prophets. - Our number is 48  
mostly designed for the Ministry. Two thirds  
of them are Beneficiaries. Well! say you  
what of them? Do they continue to be supported  
by my distant friends? I answer No!  
what then must be done? and I know not

but still to have faith in God. "Jehovah jireh" is  
still my motto. - And tho' I die in repeating it  
- the same will serve me for another world.

Tell your Father that our Mills progress  
but slowly. - The saw mill goes tho' the water  
never was lower - The Burr Stones are both  
down - tho' but one of them has begun to grind  
and that Corn only. - The Millwrights are at  
work and to I fear will continue for many days  
at 2<sup>d</sup> per day!! - Mercy on us he will say  
the expenses will ruin us. But I say

Patience - Never was I more encouraged  
than at present. All who have beheld these  
two run of Burr Stone, the two bolts and  
the Surt machine and the Elevators and  
so forth are mightily pleased and say they  
are first rate. I think this is the western way  
of coming at a Superlative. By the bye Alexan-  
der Wells Chase Sarah's lovely boy is the best  
exemplification of the Superlative I know of.

I wish his Grand Father Wells could see him  
- So you see I am coming to the end of my  
letter without giving you any Good Advice  
I am sorry for it for I know you need it. -  
One thing you may be sure of - viz that you  
have the prayers and blessing of your aged but  
most affectionate Grand Father Bush Chase