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Letter to Philander Chase

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Birmingham April 2
1846

Right Rev^d & dear Sir,

Your favour of I believe Jan^y 25th which came to hand about a fortnight ago, was as a cordial to my heart. I do rejoice & thank God, that after such a fearful accident you are so far recovered as to be able to give your friends such hopes as your letter to me inspires that you are preserved in Christ Jesus for the completion of the work you have in hand to his praise & glory & the future benefit of his Church in your distant parts. The Lord let his good hand rest upon you abundantly, this grace strengthen & enlarge you more & more!

I trust that by this time, if not long ere you get this you will receive a letter forwarded by me at the beginning of March & containing cheques & Barings Letter of Credit for 100£. I am trying what I can do further I have £25 more in hand - On the receipt of your last favour I sent it to your good friend D^r Mumsey. He has caught at the idea of a Printing Press for Jubilee & will try what he can do on that subject - as I also shall. But should we not succeed as we wish are you willing that I should put what I have in hand & may further obtain to such a purpose? I hope a friend in Edinburgh may be able to send me some help.

But in every direction we have something going on for
the aid or enlargement of our Master's Kingdom. No such
an extent & in such a variety of ways as was unknown
till within the last few years, - so that people who are really
so generously disposed are obliged to divide their means
among a numerous list of applications.

I sent my good & esteemed friend Mr. Martineau some
your message to him - His reply is, "When you send the
good Bishop again present my kindest regards to him, &
tell him that his portrait hangs up in my dining Parlor
& that Mr. H. & myself often talk of him & of the pleasure
we had in seeing him 20 years ago! Then, indeed, I was able
to serve him by my pen. But now I cannot, for our jour-
nals are such organs of parties that I cannot trust one
except the Observer & the Guardian". This is a lamentable
testimony of my friend to the state of things among us;
but I have reason to believe it is too true. Mr. Horne
has not the 2 part of your Reminiscences & says, if
you have any chance of sending by a private hand ^{that} ~~so that~~
^{you do not put yourself to any expense, he} ~~should~~ be glad to have that portion - He has just com-
pleted a new Edition of his great work the Critical In-
troductⁿ having considerably enlarged the portion on the
Apocrypha in consequence of an attack on his former
treatment of that passage, by a great man at home,
who has treated it with I believe two 8^{vo} Vols of cri-
ticism. It is 16 years he says since he began to labour
on that work. I am myself just completing a 11th
Vol of Translation of Bp Davenant's works & shall hope
to send it you with a few other Books for your College Li-
brary towards the end of ~~this~~ month.

I have had a very heavy fall with it from the nature
of the subjects & the ^{old} scholastic mode of treating them.
But I trust it will prove a blessing to the Church in
these days of heterodoxy & absurdity - I was much gra-
tified & diverted by your remarks on Dr. Pusey's conduct,
as also have several of my friends to whom your interesting
Epistle has been either shown or read - You hit exactly
the point of the case - It is said that the Romanists
(under Dr. Wiseman at Oscott near this) are preparing for
his reception there. Newman it is believed is giving
them much trouble - there is good reason to think that
he is becoming more of an infidel than any thing else -
showing the awful risk a man runs in beginning to
tamper with principle & truth.

But I shall be inconsiderately occupying your
time & diverting your attention from more
matters. You are more or less on my mind daily &
anything & every thing I can do to aid your import-
ant exertions shall be done. But I fear I have almost
done the most I can. Dr. Pusey sent me a couple of
your little publications containing engravings of your
College & its appurtenances. I mean the Review of Jubilee
College by the Revd Saml Chace - They have been of considera-
ble service to me, & I wish I had half a dozen of them;
but I am afraid to apply to the Dr. lest I should be dis-
serving him of what he will make of greater service.

But now, with my sincerest sympathy, earnest wishes
& fervent prayers for every blessing temporal & spiritual to
rest on you & yours I am, Wth Resd & Dear Sir -

Your unworthy but faithful Serv^t

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