

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Philander Chase

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Steubenville O. Jan

My dear Grandfather

I am ashamed and grieved that so  
 a time has elapsed since I received your letter written last  
 Jan<sup>r</sup>, without an acknowledgment. but so it is - I hope you  
 will not think that <sup>you</sup> ~~we~~ have been absent from ~~my~~ <sup>your</sup> thoughts  
 a single day - I have just returned from a short visit  
 to Cincinnati. I accompanied Uncle McDowell and Martha  
 as far as that city, and spent several weeks there very  
 pleasantly indeed. The beauty of the city, and its clean-  
 -liness also, made me quite dissatisfied with our humble  
 little village - indeed if my family had not been  
 here I should not have cared about returning at all

I staid part of my time with our Cousins there  
 they were well and talked much of you and the  
 of our dear friends in Illinois.

I hope your health is improved since you  
 you then spoke of the pain in your shoulder and so  
 being still very severe. We have not heard from all  
 for some time. we hope Aunt Sarah will come to Ohio  
 this summer - she spoke something of it when last she  
 wrote.

Mother's health is pretty good this summer. with the

exception of a severe illness last winter, I think his health has been unusually good for the last year. I wish I could say the same of dear Grandfather; he is very feeble indeed. the warm weather affects him very much. he comes to town occasionally, but not often.

We heard a short time ago, by some one from Illinois, that Mrs Samuel Chase was in very poor health. I hope it may not be so. Mrs Russell is in Lockport on her way to Illinois. I hope she will not pass us by without coming to see us. When shall we ever see you again my dear Grandfather? we have hitherto been so unfortunate in our meetings, that I am almost afraid to look forward to another, very soon.

Monday June 8

Since I wrote the above, a letter has arrived from Uncle Dudley, giving the joyful news that he is the happy Father of a daughter - we shall look for them all, to visit us this summer. I am glad to hear that Aunt Mary thinks of coming also; we should be very happy to see her in Ohio once more. I had begun to think she had ceased to think of us at all. Grandfather has <sup>been</sup> much better for a few days past - and was able to come down to Church yesterday.

Our town has been in quite an excitement for some time on account of the war. Some volunteers (about 80) left here a few days ago for Cincinnati. The President has since ordered them to march directly to Santa Fe. Several of them, who thought

'Enlisting' was only fun at first, wanted to draw back when the time came to march, but they got it too late. Do you not think the whole affair very disgraceful business at the best? I think Jerry Polk and his men should be made to pay it out themselves. It is said also that the prospect of war with England is still very threatening. We cannot but pray earnestly that God may avert so heavy a calamity, for Christ's sake.

I had a long letter from Cousin Lanna about two months ago, in which she spoke with the deepest regret of the apparent closing of the once punctual correspondence between herself and you. She said she had not heard from you since her marriage, and could not imagine the cause, but feared you had forgotten her entirely. I am sure Cousin Lanna must be mistaken there, for I always thought she was one of your favorites.

I hope my dear Grandfather you will answer poor letter. I wish it were <sup>a</sup> better <sup>one</sup>, but you must accept the will for the deed. Be assured I shall always be most thankful to you my best friend for any of your advice you may chance to give. I prize one word from you more than a volume from almost any one else. Give my love to Mrs Chase, and Uncle Dudley and Aunt Sarah, not forgetting the two little boys. Why does not Uncle Philander write to me.

Most affectionately your Granddaughter Mary Chase

From Sarah  
to Mary D. Chase



Bishop Chase

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Illinois



Mary Chase  
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