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Letter to Laura Chase

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My dear Granddaughter Laura

Life is short especially with an old man like myself. Besides the dreadful disease of the Cholera is carrying off its thousands.

I look around me, and ^{feel} deeply impressed with grateful emotions in finding that so many of our dear Relations are yet among the living. But one of my Clergy has, as yet, been taken - the excellent Mr. W. Callum who lived near you a little bit. He died the 10th of this month in Peace and in hope of a blessed resurrection.

The Rev. Mr. Saml. Chas. the Rev. Mr. R. Radley and your uncle Henry J. Chas. went as witnesses to the Court at Springfield Ill. They stayed three weeks and returned with the good news of my having gained my cause against Moore: he having obtained a writ of ejectment from the Collyer Land Co. I go he been successful we should have been ruined. I do not our gratitude for success against the wicked will lead us to obey the laws of the God who ruleth over us, with more constant solicitude & humility.

We are now nearly thro with the tedious job of taking the five flocks from 2000 sheep. When it is over we shall rejoice and praise the Lord for his goodness. - Your uncle Dudley and his sweet family left us today to go in a covered vehicle on a Missionary tour to Rockford on Rock River. I am overwhelmed with care in preparing the S^{ts} of the Motto and in extensive correspondence. My health generally is better. I can walk a little way and

side in a buggy with a pillow behind me with less
pain than I did when you was here.

I hear that Mr. & Mrs. Lufford have left Aurora
and gone to Michigan: but I have no letter as
yet from him giving the reasons why. He is
still in Aurora, keeping school.

We are all well and the crops on our extensive
grounds look finely.

The Students are getting on in their learning
a candidate for Deacons orders was examined yesterday &
by your Uncle Dudley and passed with approbation his
first examination.

The consecration of Kikahoo Church is appointed
on the second Sunday in July.

The corner stone of a noble church in Jevia
will I trust soon after take place. The Rev. Mr. Chamber
lain, Mary's husband will deserve great praise under
God for his exertions.

My prayers are constantly offered to the Throne
of Grace for you & Eliza & your dear Children your
mother and your worthy husband.

Your affectionate Grand Father
Milner Chase