

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

Philander Chase

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To Miss Mary C. Chase  
Shelburne

Jubilee Cottage Feb: 8 - 49

My dear Grand Daughter;

K.Ch. 490208

Your uncle my dear son Phileas de L. Jun<sup>r</sup> has requested me to put a letter to you under cover of my frank and good wishes. He is a good and faithful son to me and a most loving uncle of yours. His cares as a teacher (chiefly mathematical) and a student have crowded out of his mind all attention to neatness in writing. Like Howard the Prince of benevolent deeds, he seems to have passed over this part of an education, which I am happy to notice in all your letters and writing for me has been so sedulously attended to. Indeed I have noticed that Collegians in general are guilty of this fault and suffer much pain in correcting it when they appear on the public stage of life. A lawyer not long since was deeply mortified at finding that in making a declaration in court, he had mistaken the way of spelling the word "Canon" <sup>law</sup>

having written it with a double in - "Canon law"  
Being rebuked by his adversary the whole court  
laughed at his confusion - by which, <sup>his</sup> influence  
suffered - & he left his cause.

My general health is improving; though  
at times I have relapses somewhat distressing  
I am suffering most of all for the want of  
money - Two clips of fine wool of 2000 shek  
unwield - The fact causes me much embarrass-  
ment. Besides the floods have done consid-  
erable damage to the dam of our mill,  
The deficiency in our Beneficiary fund of  
the students in College increases and having  
no salary from the Diocesan the non pay-  
ment of the stipend promised from the Miss<sup>es</sup>  
Society is felt severely. - My friends in Chic-  
-go in attempting to borrow money to pay  
for goods purchased for the College in that city  
demand of me twelve percent interest.  
The lands spoken of by good Dr. Lottin in his  
letter which I sent you can not be sold - So  
many people going to California are eager to  
to get money to bear their expenses; and this it  
- which reduces the price of the lands in the sale of which

fisher were entertained of repaying me for what I  
have advanced from my Michigan Estate -  
As the instalments come in all is absorbed  
in Payment of the College debts - Your Uncle  
Hoykiah says he can send a little more  
a little more to send me by and by - but  
in the mean time I suffer exceedingly -  
Still God be praised I am enabled now  
and then to preach the word: and at  
all times to pray most heartily

Dear Mr Kellogg has gone to Orleans  
I did hear that his friend Dr Hawks  
was taken off by the Cholera: but my hopes  
are gratified by a letter dated in that City  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan: that the news is not  
correct. Let us bless God that this talented  
preacher of the truth is still spared to glorify  
his great name We all remember you with

the kindest esteem and live in hopes to see you  
next summer at its earliest opportunity -  
Take the first opportunity after reading this to  
present my most loving regards to your dear  
Step Father good Mr Moore, also to your ex  
cellent Mother and best of Aunts Miss Ann  
Wells. Tell them all we are made quite happy by  
our New Visitor. ~~With affectionate regards~~  
Your most affectionate Son  
P. Chase

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