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GEORGE WASHINGTON: a franked envelope addressed to Major George A. Washington (a nephew of the president), and "Recommended to the care of Burwell Bassett Esq." (the nephew's father-in-law) at Williamsburg. In the lower left hand corner of the long, foxed sheet is docketed: "From his Ecc'y Genl Washington." Dated: 24th Dec'r. 1785. Signed: (*Free*) *G. Washington.*



**Chaser:** The issue of COLBY LIBRARY QUARTERLY preceding this was conceived as a tribute to Mary Ellen Chase on the occasion of her 75th birthday. A far finer manifest of the esteem and affection she inspires is now apparent in the continuing stream of requests for copies of this number. From former students and colleagues, from editors and institutions, from readers of her vastly popular books, and from every point of the compass the letters arrive. No other issue of the QUARTERLY has excited a demand of such magnitude.

Miss Chase's Diamond Jubilee is but one other milepost in her long and zestful career. There is no thought now of capitulation to crochet needle or rocking chair. With characteristic dash, she has recently completed several essays for periodicals, an introduction to a book on Maine art, and she is planning another seasonal sojourn in England later this year. There and then, presumably, will take shape her newly projected work on the major Biblical prophets—"Amos and I can have a wonderful time weaving among the cows on Grantchester Meadows."

Colby is happy in its possession of the original manuscript of her latest volume, *The Psalms and the Common Reader*, published by W. W. Norton in March and acclaimed by critics and public for its felicitous style and exposition. Also among our holdings of Chase holographs are some thirty letters; the original manuscripts of more than two dozen articles, written in pencil and in ink on vari-colored sheets of sometimes matching sizes; numerous book reviews, scribbled for the most part in notebooks; two early short stories, "Mrs. Gowan Gives Notice" (which she cites as her favorite), and Mrs. Penlust on the Road to Damascus"; five "scribble-in" notebooks of ideas; seventeen diaries, one dating to 1910; and the manuscripts of two other books, *The Fishing Fleets of New England* (complete) and *Life and Language in the Old Testament* (partial). A goodly heritage, one might say!