

a congenial element, an affinity in the religion, language and life in which she had been reared, and with which was soon formed an acquaintance that ultimately ripened into a close social relationship lasting through life. When the Roman Dr. Frederic Rézé became first Bishop of Detroit, among this assistants were Rev. Francis Vincent Badin, of France, Martin Kundig, of Germany, and Bernard O'Canvanagh, of Ireland. Under the auspices of such men, each in this way celebrated for piety, learning and éloquence, the Catholic Church here began its first progressive movement in religion, education and benevolence. In founding institutions of learning and charity the Church was nobly assisted by the city, but by no one individual more than by Mrs. Chase. She was one of the many warm personal friends of Father Kundig, the apostle of charity in Detroit and founder of the first orphan asylum here. She shared in his labors and aided him with money in his heroic efforts to provide a refuge for the orphans cast upon the world by the cholera which had been particularly severe in Detroit. Only those who are familiar with the history of these events can form an idea of the many difficulties encountered and overcome by Father Kundig in his beneficent efforts. Prelate and priests alike, and nearly all the laity of that time have passed from this life, but their works which formed the foundation of the structure of the present day have not been forgotten.

Thomas Chase was a prominent man in the political circles of the time, though never an office seeker. He was on terms of intimate friendship with Gov. Mason, and his Democratic successors and supporters.

The Legislature held annual sessions in the Capitol, now the High School; the terms of the Supreme Court were held here, and each winter brought from all the settled portions of the young State the most talented of her citizens. The "National", which occupied the site of the Russel House, was the hotel where the pioneer statesmen and jurists congregated. This was the home of Thomas Chase. A few old citizens, and perhaps fewer ladies survive who