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THE IRA J. CHASE MEMORIAL FUND.

A. M. Atkinson, Trustee.

*Hon. J. W. Thompson*  
*Terre Haute*

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I am persuaded that you will care to know that the late ex-Governor Ira J. Chase died before making adequate provision for the care of his wife, on account of which, it is proposed by his friends to raise a suitable fund with which to purchase his wife a home in the town of Irvington, where she now lives. The helplessness of Mrs. Chase is greatly intensified on account of her blindness, which has shadowed the past thirty years of her life.

Mrs. Chase is a noble and lovely woman, and was the chief inspiration of her husband's life. She is an ardent lover of her country, and urged her young husband to enter it's service in the early days of their married life. She spent some months during the winter of 62 & 63 in the hospital as a volunteer nurse, the service being rendered at the measles hospital at Nashville, Tenn., tenderly caring for many of the sick and wounded, for multitudes of whom, she wrote the last message of affection to the loved ones at home.

While thus engaged, Mrs. Chase was stricken down with the measles, during which sickness her heart was sorely smitten by the death of her first born babe, then about two years old. The case appeals to us very tenderly. I trust you will find pleasure in making an offering to the memorial fund.

Yours Sincerely,

*A. M. Atkinson*