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My very dear & good Mr. C.
I have long been in-
tending myself the pleasure
of writing to you, & have been very
sorry not to have done so before now,
to thank you most gratefully for
your most invaluable & affectionate
letter to me, of the 14th of Decr: but the
real fact is, as I received it at Ox-
ford, I have been trying ever
since we have been in London,
from the beginning of Feb^y to
procure some prints that might
recall that venerable Alma Mater
to your memory - & it was not
till last week that I became
possessed of such as I could send
in a letter. I hope you will like

I now forward to you - & am
be particularly in-
with the prints of
Church & All Souls, as
Papae's & St. Marriotti's College

I hope you will not think
the worse of me, my very dear
Sir, for beginning my letter to
you on this joyful festival;
but much as I think of you
at all times, it is with peculiar
pleasure that I do so on the great
festivals of our Church, as I feel
certain that we then unite
in the same feelings, on the
same articles of ~~the~~ ^{the} same holy
faith. We have been twice at
church, & this morning at the
Sacrament, where there were 220
communicants, besides 115 at
an early Sacrament at 8 o'clock.

April 12. I am very glad that
was prevented finishing my
sooner, as we have now received
welcome letter of the 8th of February.
And good Mr. Higgin is now in
the house, & has been dining
with us to-day - The account he
gives of your arduous labours
in the ^{last} winter, makes us rejoice
at the return of the fine weather,
& still more in the hope that
before the next winter the number
of fellow labourers in your vineyard
will have so increased as to relieve
you from some of the more laborious
parts - for your life & health are
far too valuable to your flock
& friends, not to make us rejoice
at the means by which they
may be prolonged to the Church
in the Wilderness - however willing
we know you are to "spend &

put "in your sacred office."
I am very glad the dear little
under comes on so nicely - &
your beloved family contin-
ues so well.

We have been several times at
the Clergy Bingham School, where
you are very affectionately re-
membered.

Our good Aunt at Peck is quite
well, & so are we all - I never
more happy than when we
hear from dear Ohio - We
all unite in most respectful
& affectionate remembrances.

May God continue to bless
& prosper you, most beloved
cousin Sir - How happy I
am to think you have not
forgotten your ever obliged
& most affectionate Aunt. Wm.
McHenry.