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Charles Pettit Mcllvaine Letters

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## Letter to Bishop Bedell

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Past Theol

What Bp. B. should  
track

Cinc. Jan. 10. 1868

Dear Bp.

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> recd last  
Eve. A cloud comes in the life of  
Homer dominicus - What shall we do  
if he declines - I'm for your old - but  
hope it has passed - The nonsense of  
Hutch! What do they think clergy-  
men are? Tools, conveniences, not men  
whom nature chose to treat them as  
they please? Mitchell wrote me & I  
said no - there was no reason to think  
of it - He declined - If there was any  
thing peculiar in the understanding  
with Mc Elree, except his out-  
spoken ordination, please refresh  
my memory with it - Don't forget



to write me about soon as  
soon as you can - The following  
Candidates were admitted between  
Dec. 2 - /61 & Feb. 24 /62 - viz  
Cox, Hartley, Chapin, Simpson,  
Hubbell, Gilbert, Carpenter, Brown.  
I mention them only to ask if they  
have rec'd their tests for members-  
hip or - all right -

I am glad Lewis is doing well  
I will not mention you at the  
ack -

Allow me to suggest that in  
Pastoral Instruction to the Sen. Clp  
of the Den? - you will be particular  
to teach them on such heads as  
Preparation for Confirmation - how to prepare  
a clp - what should be required - &c.

How to deal with applicants to be  
rec'd to Communion, supposing that  
having been confirmed they have  
since lived as if they had not been  
or not having been, desire to com-  
mune before the Bp. next com-  
munion before the Bp. next com-  
The qualifications for a worthy baptism  
water for them & sponsors in Infant  
Bap. how far stringently to be required  
& of what sort -

Discipline of Communicants -  
canon & rubric affecting it - when  
to be used - how - what should be done  
first -

D. Schuch & B. M. Chapin - setting  
people to work - Pastoral Visiting -  
Personal examples - conversation, caution  
against too much intimacy & familiarity  
especially with young ladies - Personal habits



Employment of time - for study &c -  
Habit of writing - as well as extempore  
speaking - Tongue, temper - patience  
kindness - Maintaining one's proper  
privileges, but saying as little about  
them as possible - How to visit the sick -  
Carefulness in money matters - debts.

There are hints - all of which very  
likely enter into your lectures - but  
I thought I would put them down  
as one has now come of it -  
I would suppose the Rector - in his  
Person - Study, Family & Parish  
Preaching to people, & Preaching - visiting  
the well & sick - at Communion - at  
Baptism & the Lord's Supper - his relations  
to a Parish - the Rector, the Pp. & the  
more you can enter into details the  
better - Tricks are an important  
subject - Yours very truly  
C. P. M.