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Charles Pettit Mcllvaine Letters

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## Letter to C.P Mcllvaine

Bishop Bedell

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Beale to McS

Shatford Conn July 11 1862

My dear Bishop

Enclosed is Bro. Hopkins's letter.

Mr Boyle was supported by Mr. Edmund Cow: though the whole of this past year at my earnest request. They were not satisfied; & became more & more dissatisfied. After a free comparison of views - Smith Mr. Elhenny Clements & my own - the Com: dropped him at their last meeting. The reasons were with any doubts as to his capacity. He is a fine student & has made good progress.

The reasons were

1. Doubts as to his genuine piety. I had conversation with him. after as much probing as possible, I was forced to tell him that I doubted whether he had ever been converted. I have strong doubts: so much so



that I should not accept him  
as a candidate were it a new  
question.

2<sup>o</sup>. It follows upon this, that the  
Com: had reason to think he was  
depending upon them to get an  
education, not with any ardent  
desire to preach Christ crucified  
& save souls.

3<sup>o</sup>. Several indications confirmed  
these views. He did not attend  
religious meetings until remunerated  
with, & then (as we feared) merely  
because he supposed it would be  
agreeable to us.

He never asked for employment  
as S.S. teacher so until he  
learned that we were doubting in  
his case. He told us that during  
the 7 years of his being a professing  
Christian he had never done  
any thing to benefit any one spiritually.

This was sufficient to indicate the  
character of his religion - or rather  
want of it.

In my opinion he has not the  
spiritual qualification for the  
Ministry. I see no sign of a  
divine call.

In Mr Hodgkinson's case, I  
will forward the letters to you  
as soon as I can reach my  
trunk, next week.

We reached Stratford by way of  
Amherst, Washington & Phil<sup>a</sup>  
yesterday evening. We left Gambier  
on July 3<sup>o</sup>. Will write more  
at length hereafter.

affr in haste

G. J. Beebe

At Rest W. Thain



Sp. Bidell  
about J. Boyle  
July 11. 1882

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