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Letter to C.P. Mcllvaine

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Can we have sustained
in Bp. Pattens death!
We can scarcely take
it in yet.

Have you heard
whether the Presiding
Bishop sent his letter
of invitation in the
face of so many
dissentient opinions.
I had a very decided
letter from Bishop Chase
expressing his dissatisfac-
tion. I enclose you a
copy of my reply ^{to Bp. Chase} _{to Bp. Chase}

Trusting that your
own health will be
graciously preserved I
remain, affec^tly yours,
Wm. Reed

Will you not arrange to
spend a Sunday with me
during Conference?

K. M. O. J. 650725

Wilmington Del
July 25th 1865

My dear Bishop

Since writing
you I have had the
pleasure of receiving
your favor of the 4th.
I trust that the prepara-
tion of the Pastoral
Letter will be put into
your hands. I agree
with you that a
reference to Coleridge's
heretical sentiments
would be appropriate.
So far as the state
of our Country is
concerned it will be
an extremely delicate
& difficult matter.

And yet I feel that the
great principles of truth
& righteousness, so signally
vindicated in the issue
of the war, ought not
to be ignored. God has
been teaching us as
a people wonderfully.
Are we not under
solemn obligation to
respond to his mighty
voice? I do not suppose
that such Southern
Bishops & delegates as
may attend will come
with any radically
different views & feelings,
from those by which
they have been animated
for years past. Nothing

we can say will be likely
to please them. The duty
of the Church to labor
for the building up of the
desolations of Sin &
to labor for the elevation
moral & spiritual of
the freed population
would be I suppose
prominent - and such
a marked event as the
assassination of the
Pres^t deserves reverent
notice. The removal
too of so many of our
brethren in the Epis-
copate is a subject for
solemn admonition &
affectionate remembrance.
What a great & sad