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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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public preaching - It is a
matter of morning & evening prayers
prayer meetings - & perhaps the
charge of the religious recitation -
teaching - Now Mr French is
competent to mind more than
that. Some invited men is the
one for such a place - some thrust -
disseminated men - When I saw
F. St. Monroville, he mentioned
Sanford's wishes, but did not
seem to like the idea -

I have a letter from Mr Carter
and I write you this morning.
He says I have heard correctly
concerning the debt & that the
wise arrangements are as I saw

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Sp: Mr. Mr.
Ser: matters
ordained

Committee March 24

Dear Bishop

There is some of your items
that I have not written you
about, Broader included, ex-
cept Warren & I understood you
as having concluded to visit
as to St. to hear from Abbott what
he preferred - ^{whether to} or not tell the
consecration - or not - and as I
had not included Warren in
my list, I considered it left to you
if Abbott preferred now - or before
the consecration of him - than I do
not know of any body for Monroville

unless it would be well
to move young from Tiffin where
I think he is uncomfortable
from the idea that he is not
satisfactory - & where I believe the
people or some of them who
think they must have a great
man, do want him to go - I
rather think he is too good for
them - I don't favor the idea
of French going to ^{be} Sampson's Chap-
lain at all - If he is to leave
Oberlin he must go a great deal
higher than that - which in reality
is his in dignity & usefulness than
his present position - Nothing but
the almost impossibility of getting any

person fit for such a place as
Oberlin & he willing to take it
has prevented me from urging
the call of French to a higher
grade of parish - as he is abundantly
competent - I would have liked
him for St. James' Church - where
he would have been just the
man - but what shall we do
for Oberlin, ~~ask me~~ - I have
scarcely been able to satisfy my-
self that it was right to keep
him from better positions - But what
is a Chaplain to a ladies' school?
They of course go to some Church on
Sundays - or night - Then his work is
stopped for the whole of Sunday's

them. I write you ~~nothing~~
precise - mentioning Bp. Beale
Dr Brown & Dudley - leaving
you to your choice - I don't see
why you should not select a
precise for Grace & as will
be any other that you have
consecrated -

I suppose Kestley ~~has~~ had left
Gambier when my letter to him
got to you - I enclosed in that
a letter to Bp. Potter -

I have no answer yet from
the Pres. of the Christ. Commis.
as to Powell -
I believe the last Sunday in May

will do for a confirmation
in Gambia - I will thank you
to have it put in my published
list. Archdeacon Kellum
put off his visit to G. with a
view of being there about that
time & going thence to the
Convention - I shall write him.
Probably you as a resident here
better do it also -

I am waiting your instructions
on Antinous letter before
writing to him. Of course do
as you like about the hundred
after Convention in Dayton.
Our delay - matters seem to

promise badly - I have not
but 1100 & odd - & every price
here is awful - Mutton 15 cents
the pound - Hay 38 dollars a ton
My man 30 a month - &c -

But we must put down
the Rebellion at all events. I
telegraphed you about the Con-
vention, as you will have
learned by my letter this morn-
ing - I spent E. Sunday at
Springfield & go next day to
Urbana -

Yours affectionately
Chas. P. McQuarrie