

Charles Pettit McIlvaine Letters

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## Letter to Bishop Bedell

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about Pres Allen  
Circ: Sunday P. M.

Aug. 7 '62

My dear Bishop

It is not likely I can go  
to Columbus for the Miss<sup>n</sup> meeting  
or that of the Trustees - I called the  
Trustees to meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> - I doubt  
whether in such times there will be  
a quorum. Probably, almost certainly the  
state of things here will be such that  
it would not be right for me to be  
absent either as regards my family  
or the city or my character - The  
meeting on Monday or on our two  
Chambers, I have never I know not, but  
probably will be opposite our houses  
on the other side tonight or tomorrow -  
Their number are said to be 30,000 -  
Katy Smith's force, increased by the de-  
-ciples - We have numerously a  
large force - composed of Reg<sup>t</sup> of men in

bested volunteers - the armed citizens  
of Cincinnati & Covington & thousands  
of men from places on the interior  
armed with their own rifles - these  
I consider our best - I believe we  
have not a half Regt<sup>ment</sup> men from  
that have ever been under fire -  
Our officers are all men except Gen  
Wright, Gen. Wallace & Gen. Sigsbee  
But by the working of 10,000 men  
a day we are well prepared & I  
hope will make a strong resistance  
The Lord be on our side - I am not  
well enough to move about much  
or I should have been on the  
other side among the men &  
works - Indeed I question if I am  
well enough at any rate to bear  
the ride to Columbus - What I am  
troubled with is excessive irritation  
& inflammation of the surfaces in &  
about the anus - so that I sleep badly  
have to be resorting to frequent applications

There will be a bottle - Our rifle  
path extends 14 miles

I will thank you to advise with  
the Trustees about opening one of  
our College buildings. If it can be spared  
for sick & wounded soldiers if needed.  
The air of Cambridge is so pure that  
wounds would have the best  
chance of healing there - Being however  
some miles from a R.R. is an  
objection - It is not likely it would  
be accepted & used because there  
is so much space near - But it  
might be well to authorize me  
to make the tender of it soon -

Some time ago about a week  
Professor Chepman wrote me from  
Chambers asking to be relieved from  
duties that he might go into the  
country as we shall need to economize  
this term & we have the means of  
supplying his dept. I consented but  
only a relief note & resignation. The  
Board will take such measures  
as it can about a Pres. I have  
nothing additional to what I sent  
you about Pres. Allen of Grand College.  
I should like to know what you  
have seen & heard about Anthony  
Charles in a Dept. in our Clifton Co.  
I do not know whether he will go.