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## Letter from C.P. McIlvaine to G.W. Dubois

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at little intervals - all these ailments - sometimes enough to annoy  
and for my spirit with it - as a matter of degree - as you say - Now  
Name & Anna are a dream - & they do - great deal  
of good for the nervous system - by the way Mr. Ripley said  
she must give up English & Latin for books  
on the nervous system - Arthur Hall  
They talk of the "elegance" of the two girls - they  
My dear Mr. Foxworth - C. P. Ma  
Last week I rec'd a very  
precious letter from you, written while  
Mr. M. was with you & sweet Mr.  
was suffering with her throat & dis-  
tress - long & was in sorrow about  
her school (precious one) & you had  
neuralgia - I hope all those ill-  
nesses passed away - But about neu-  
ralgia - take care of weakening medi-  
cines - no dieting, no cathartics - but  
strengthening, nutritious food - some  
wine every day - Build up your  
nervous strength - that is the remedy -  
Get sub-carbonate of iron. Have it  
made into pills - take some 20 grains  
a day - at four intervals - Increase  
till you find what your head will  
bear - When ringing comes on you  
can fight up of head, decrease a  
little - Go on thus for some weeks



Combine with its stimulating  
food & sound wine - and close  
as - Break down a paroxysm with  
marbles like a gentle purge - then  
the wine - This was my cure -  
We are all full of joy & thankful-  
ness for the success of our arms -  
Our last news is the destruction of  
Columbus by the enemy - & the falling  
back of their forces after being re-  
positioned at Mersprassburg - By  
the way of Union feeling in Europe  
Probably the next arrival will tell  
of W. C. Chatham's advances - The Lord's  
name be praised for all - I have  
a West. Ep. containing the account  
of your resignation - the letters of  
the officers & of the Com. C. to you -  
All so very gratifying -  
We are here at Eastham Hill in  
Norfolk - 3 miles from the ancient city  
of Norwich - We came the day before  
yesterday & leave to-day - It is the seat  
of the late John Wesley Gurney. The

great Licker & the rich banker of  
Norwich - It is now inhabited by  
the Rev. Mr. Roper, Rector of one of the  
Norwich Churches - who married the  
widow of Samuel Gurney's son - Samuel  
was brother of John - Here great & good  
men such as Walker & Dr. F. Buxton  
used to meet - The grounds are very  
spacious & beautiful - The house a great  
house of ancient frame & date - Many  
good people have met & stayed within its  
halls & each morning & even faintly ev-  
ening has been a little Church - We  
left London about ten days since for  
Weymouth, Norfolk - Here as when  
I was there three years ago, I met  
42 clergymen, who had come to renew  
acquaintance (some of them) or to make  
it - & all to spend a day in conference  
& prayer - It was a precious meeting -  
Of course I - (providing) such as I am  
was expected to do church all the  
speaking - But it was a grand opportu-  
nity of making marks of the truth  
They were all my good men - And  
on Thursday Friday - I preached in a  
glorious old Church there an old Abbey



Church - almost a Cathedral in  
dimensions - there we were visited  
by dear old Mr. Tacy - (80 years old, but  
vigorous & bright & warm hearted as a  
youth) to his parish - Swanton Morley  
(fifteen miles) where we spent Sunday -  
& I preached - Then back to Wyomondham  
where the Bp. of Norwich (Pelham) came  
to meet us - Next day to Norwich  
where after lunch at the Palace &  
ride about the city, we came home -  
Yesterday a ride to Norwich again - seeing  
the Cathedral & a company of boys  
went to meet us - To day we got  
back to Mr. Tacy & the day after to more  
we were stop at Bertha near Chelsea -  
-ford - Essex where I preached on Sunday -  
then two days at Lord Raper's - then  
London for four days - during which I  
attended at Bille's meeting at Windsor  
& we stay with L<sup>d</sup> Wrothley Russell - &  
a conference getting at L<sup>d</sup> Thurstons - then  
to Paris where I held conferences on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Ap - for the English & American  
Churches - The Bp. of London has asked me  
if I would confer at Boulogne - but