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Letter from Joseph M. Waite to C.P. McIlvaine

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I suppose you know Waiter - He is a good man
writes well & I believe is a good preacher. I think
he would suit well at Louisville - C.P. M.

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Peoria Ill. March 17th 63

Rev. Geo. C. P. McSwaine. D.D.

My Dear Bishop.

It is some time

since I was a presbyter in your Diocese.

but I trust you have not forgotten

me. The remembrance of my past

labors in Cincinnati, and Mobile

are among the pleasantest working

days of my life. I am at present

rector of St. Paul's Church in this city

a building which will seat over 500

persons - a communion of 120 members.

I have been situated here three

years this spring. The place does not

agree with the health of Mrs. M. or

myself. The weather is so changeable,

and the heat in the summer is intense

some days as excessive as in New Orleans.

I ascertain from the papers that the

Waiter was in N.Y. or New York
before he went to Peoria.

Rev. Mr. Paddock has resigned his charge of St. Paul's Cleveland, and goes to Philadelphia. Now my dear Bishop is there any hope of my getting a call to that field of labor? I am a stranger to the gentlemen of the Vestry; but if they will look at a file of the "Western Episcopian" some four years or so back they will be able to learn from some articles signed M. and some sermons published in the paper the style of my writing; and as to my doctrinal views, I know they differ in nothing from those you hold yourself. I am the same man in Christ & was when laboring in Cincinnati, and can never change.

Should this application meet your approbation, and the Vestry would like to see me in the body and hear me preach I am perfectly willing to

visit Cleveland at any time. It would suit their convenience.

I pen this in the prayerful hope it may eventuate in my again becoming one of your presbytery. My views on those ^{of my people} ~~of my people~~ ^{points} ~~points ^{doctrines} ~~doctrines~~ I need scarcely say, do not agree. The course I took on the property matter in Chicago, at the convention held the year after my acceptance of a position in the diocese, drew a dividing line between us. My heart's desire is to hold connection in the great work of the Ministry with those whose feelings and sentiments are similar to my own. I am now in my forty third year having been in the Ministry 15 years. I desire to settle, if I could for the balance of my days, if it be the Will of God in a location where I can see my wife & children well and happy, and where I can have health and rest.~~

all within my power to advance the
Kingdom of God's dear Son.

Hoping this solicitation may not
be looked upon as intrusive, and that
it may find you in the usual
enjoyment of health. I remain

affectionately yours in the Lord Jesus

Joseph M. White