

Charles Pettit McIlvaine Letters

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Letter to Charles Pettit McIlvaine

William Heathcote

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April 21
1863.

My dear Bishop,

Although I have
left a letter of yours,
written not long after
Christmas, unanswered
till after Easter, it
has not been because
I ~~forgot~~ your
good wishes and
remembrance of me

lightly, as that I
failed to reciprocate
them... The truth is,
that from day to day
I procrastinate, in
the hope of news,
which would enable
me to begin my
letter with congratulatory
words on prospects of
returning peace, if
not as you would wish,
in our united country,
at least between two
great nations -

But nothing has come of
this, and I have seen
the risk of appearing to
be ungrateful of you,
no purpose. As it is,
it is too unhappy a
subject for me to dwell
on. I will tell Miss M. I will
pray to Monday,
that the driver to Monday,
which you remember so
kindly, and in which
she was my companion
on the coach box, has
left its mark in my
memory very deeply,
and if I live to see
you all I hope that
again,

You will see our
Hampshire Country to more
advantage than in the
middle of winter, &
that I may be the
person to show it to you.

Lady Heathcote
desires that her very
kindest regards may
be given to your
daughters, & to yourself,
and I beg you to
believe me, my dear Sister,
with great acknowledgments
for the blessing which
you sent her.

Yours affectionately
Wm Heathcote
p. Mrs Heble's health has been
in a precarious state, and both of
them have spent the whole winter
at Penzance in Cornwall