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Letter to C. P. McIlvaine

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My dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure, in this way, to bear witness to the character and attainments of Mr. Charles Short. He was graduated from Harvard in 1846, while I was President of the University. He was among the best scholars in a class, distinguished for scholarship and his character and conduct were, in all respects, most exemplary and such as to promise a career of eminent usefulness. Owing to the distance of our residences I have not, of late years, been in intimate relations with Mr. Short, but I have no reason to doubt, that the hopes which he inspired, on the part of all who knew him in earlier life, have been fulfilled.

I remain, Dear Sir, with the highest respect, faithfully yours,

Edward Everett

The Right Rev.
Bishop McIlvaine

Notes: Edward Everett (1794-1865) Unitarian Minister, Prof. of Greek, Editor, Congressman, Gov. of Mass., U.S. Minister to Great Britain (resigned 1845), Pres. of Harvard (1846-1849), U.S. Secretary of State and U.S. Senator. On 11/19/1863 his carefully prepared oration at Gettysburg was so overshadowed by President Lincoln's.