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*My dear Bishop*

I am doing something which is absolutely forbidden by War Office rules and yet I cannot resist the temptation to break the rules. I think I am right in saying it is one of your sons who is in the R.A.M.C. attached to the Liverpool Territorials. If I am correct then I want to congratulate you and him most sincerely on gaining the Victoria Cross. I had the honour yesterday of submitting his name to His Majesty for the bestowal of this magnificent Order and I cannot

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tell you how pleased I was to do so. You must please treat this for the present as strictly confidential though you probably will see it in the papers within the course of the next 4 or 5 days.

Now to turn to another subject. Canon Penrhyn has sent me the enclosed letter. Have you anybody in your mind's eye who would be suitable to fill the Benefice? I fo I would much sinner accept him than let Canon Penrhyn's resignation first be known as that would be followed by the heaps of applications from more or less impossible people. I would like if possible to give it to

someone who had served at the front.

*John Lewis*  
*Doyle*

The Right Rev  
The Lord Bishop of  
Liverpool.