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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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One can hear of persons of whom
 it is worth while to inquire, as well
 by letter as otherwise and when we
 have heard of one who by all we
 can learn is probably the best we
 can get, he can be wounded as
 well by letter - Hence if you & Mr
 Bancroft know Potter (I know him
 only by what I heard when he was
 invited to Christ Ch.) & if you are
 persuaded he is the right man, as
 I don't say he is - then it is best for
 Mr B. to sound him at once &
 I authorize him to do so -
 I give a service every Sunday at Christ Ch.
 I can't see to the Chr about all the
 day & you must know & suppose
 his name with what I have said
 I commend the fulness of your work -
 You are doing precisely what I do

to long - sleep in morning - sleep
in College - preaching every Sunday -
I added Lecturing every week - night
& the care of all the Churches - with
a dependent faculty - bankrupt treasury -
loads of debt on the institution, no
sympathy with me ^{among several} ~~any~~ of
the College officers - I writes, writes
all around - at least in its first
many feelings - to persons must
understand my peculiarities of mind
the present to concern what I
suffered in mind, often & often -
But out of all the Lord cleared
me through - & the trials were good
for me - Life in the trial - some
have members - in some direction
from me, self or elsewhere - the
not "summed"

I will thank you to ask Ed
- permission to put in my next paper
my bill - I do not know when I
paid last for the paper - for the paper
You ask about Clerk's Duties "on
the duties of the clerks "Had we better
print them or stop them"? I do not
understand the case -

Yours affectionately
C. P. M.