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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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Bishop's voyage [1]

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Thursday Evening

Jan 2nd, 1862

My dear Bishop Bedell

I do not know how
to send you such particulars
as you wanted in regard to
the voyage - Main does not
say much about it, except
that it was a very rough
passage with the storm last-
ing five days - increasing in
violence until the night of
December 8th, when it raged
so fearfully, that the Captain
feared the ship would be
engulfed - The "Log" describes
it as a "furious gale, with
frequent squalls." Would

It not suit your purpose
Equally well - just as ~~well~~
to come in your own
way, in connection with the
Thanksgiving? - We received
letters this evening one from
Helen dated Dec 9th, describing
four sermons, all on the
war, or rather the apprehend-
ed war - which they heard
on the First Sunday in
London. The other was from
Anna - from Cambridge - Not
any from Sarah.

I forgot to say when they
landed - It was on Saturday
Dec 7th - You will most
likely hear from Sarah soon
Yours very truly
Emily R. M. Weston

Pf. Perhaps you would like
to know the drift of the sermon
& by whom they were preached.
The first they heard, in St
Paul's, from a son of Dean
Milman, on the text - "What
measure ye mete, &c."
It was against war & an effort
to stem this tide of feeling - or
rather passion as he called it -
He said they were "we are very
apt to be angry & vindictive
when we review the measure
ourselves, which we have meted
out to others, & we must re-
member that, what was
law for us, ^{was} also law
against us" - The second

was from a Baptist Ministry,
Mr. Brooks. They were on their
way home from St Paul's,
& passing this church, went
in just as the service was
over - hearing only the conclusion.
It was all for peace. He
urged the people to pray much
& earnestly that the war
might be averted. To pray for
the President of the United
States, for all his counselors.
For the press, the pulpit, &
the people of the United
States also. For the Queen,
the Premier, the men in
power. The press, public, &c
of the United Kingdom.
That passion may not move

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them - but the spirit of justice
& law alone may govern them.
In the afternoon they heard
Mr Insdale, a son of the
Bishop of Litchfield - at Temple
Church. His sermon was also
on the times - & showed the
same desire to keep down
the fire of the people -
In the evening - they heard
Mr Cummings, on the same
subject - & with the same
aim - to prevent war -

Excuse me if I have written
more than you care to hear -
but these little things, I
thought might interest you
E. H. H. -