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My dear Sir

I embrace the first moment  
offered me since my arrival here of sending  
you a word in relation to the proceedings  
of the Conventions.

The greatest interest imaginable is felt, in  
all that is doing, and all that is said,  
by the whole city. The Church is crowded to  
top & bottom by spectators. The attendance of both  
clerical and lay deputies is full, and  
the highest interest is manifested in  
all the debates. The all absorbing subject,  
(of reference to the House of Bishops for their  
Godly advice and admonition in relation to  
the offensive doctrines of the Opposed School)  
has been debated every day since I reached  
here up to day, and all that can be said,  
has been said, upon both sides of the House.  
The champions of both parties have thrown  
their hands. The strongest men in the whole  
County have entered into the arena of this  
disputation. The whole system of the Church  
from its founder down to the present day  
has been overhauled and exhibited to our  
view. Romanism, Puseyism, Low Church

-ism and every other issue from Canelles and  
flowers on the Communion table high Mass  
and the Sovereignty of the Pope, down to Calvinistic  
doctrines and open infidelity have been brought  
to light, and for the ~~first~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>first</sup> upon the serious  
consideration of their Audiences. Still in all this  
there has really been no violence, mutual forbearance  
in those particulars has so far characterized all  
our proceedings, and in sober thoughts I hope  
and pray it may continue so unto the end.

To day we postponed its further description  
until tomorrow at 12 M to take up the  
matter of Dr Hawks Bishop Elect of Michigan  
and this is now on the tapis.

The charges of Dr Malenburgh and a Mr  
Malsman of Flushing against the Doctor have  
been read over and answered by the  
Doctor himself. This has occupied the whole  
day, and he has nobly vindicated himself  
from their charges, so clearly a man never  
believes him to be guilty of any conduct  
contrary to the character of a Christian man.  
His offer was a mighty one, and yet apparently  
without an <sup>any expression</sup> offer on his part. I predict for him  
a triumphant acquittal by the Audiences, but  
whether they will after that acquittal think  
him under such a prodigious debt and  
pecuniary embarrasments worthy and deserving

of the Meters, or in other words whether the  
Auriculars will rank the Highest. Officers of the Church  
in her keeping their situated, with his ardent  
temperament, and prone disposition to get into  
such difficulties, and thereby endanger the  
dignity of the Church is quite an other question,  
this remains to be seen, and will also be  
decided tomorrow, the question of signing  
his testimonials will be argued in our Educa-  
-tion reel in the morning so that he may  
be consecrated ~~and~~ ~~severely~~ ~~and~~ with the other  
two Bishops that of New Hampshire and Alabama.  
Mr Southgates lectures on the state of the  
Church in the East have been well attended  
and much interest is felt in his plans of  
future operations.

I have not as yet had an interview with  
Bishop McCroskey on the matter of Miss Garrison  
going out with him. but I hear from Bishop  
Kemp that his wife is here with him and  
that he will be quite likely be glad to give  
her his consent. I will write you when  
about this as soon as I can - I send  
you a paper most my day -

I know not that you can read this  
hardly could you find printed  
P. P. Society

P.S. I shall remain here during all next week



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