

Bridgeton N Jersey
Jan 19th 1841

Rev W. A. Belden:

Dear Bro:

In answer to
your welcome letter I
would say, first, that
the items of business at
our January (intermediate)
meeting, on the 27th inst,
are not likely to be of more
moment than heretofore on
those occasions. Rev Henry
E Thomas applies for a
letter of dismission to the

Presby of Philadelphia, - and
as he has stood so long un-
questioned, I do not see
how we can refuse to
grant him his papers in
the regular manner.

The question of Deaconess-
es (by overture) I feel
pretty sure, judging from
former action in similar
cases, we will postpone
to a fuller meeting, namely
the Spring meeting, which
will be held (if Presby accepts
the invitation) in the New
Orban Memorial Church,
Cedarville. Revision will
not come up, in any form,
before the meeting of the
Gen. Assembly.

As for the point
referred to in the second

place, the Clerk (Moore)
having written you out
"Cong" seems to indicate his
sense of your position, ~~and~~ ^{or} a
possible need in your envi-
ronment. What the "install-
ing by Council" may imply as
to Church relations, I do
not know. With my im-
perfect knowledge, were it
my case, I would let it
stand as the Clerk has it.

I would do so with the
feeling that ^{as the facts}
of your letter ^{to require} ~~show~~ I
would in the near future
consult myself with the
Association, as Bro Max-
well did. It would sim-
plify the problem, and be
acceptable to ministers
and people in Connecti-
cut. I should feel
- Presbyterian as I am

to the back-bone, - that
the tie between ministers and
people would be closer and
stronger for good; and the
two denominations are not
unlike but quite near of
kin, and a way may
be opened for a Presby^m
connection again at some
time. If you should
agree with me, "Cong" might
remain in anticipation of
a future change in a
year or two, though I
should regret to lose your
name from our roll, as
well as the more frequent
interchange of notes thro'
Presbyterial notifications
and the like.

Mr. Cass's place is not yet
filled. An unbridled revivalist
at the new Central M. E. Church.
Large audiences. Salvation Army
in the field again. Mr. Ed. M. Fith-
ian is still sick in bed, but improving.

Mr. Reever joins me in kind
regards to Mr. Belden, as well as
yourselves. Sincerely, H. Reever

Dr. Keeney-

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Ans to my
copy. de P. J. Jan.

Rev Mr. Belden,
Bristol,
Conn.



