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My dear Balcan

I meant to write  
you before this - but I've  
had a bile - and I now  
admit that I have no  
franchise for mortal men  
that's proof a jin a bile.  
That eminent philosopher Mr.  
Josh Billings remarks that  
one hour - if it is in good  
spirits and attends strictly  
to business - can break up the  
best Camp-meeting - and so



one bite - judiciously placed -  
 can sever the bonds of friend-  
 ship - duty - affection and of  
 most other things to boot.

Truly the only good place to  
 leave a bird is on your  
 living man!

I am better now, thank you  
 - and feel able to remark  
 that I had a good, plain con-  
 versation with Dr. Kendall.

He said he would do his  
 best immediately, and not  
 forget it. He said there was  
 some good Ches vacant in



Central N.Y. and wanted to  
 know if you had any friends  
 (without bills) in that region.  
 Have you? I would advise  
 you to write a good plain  
 strong letter to Dr. Crosby - if  
 you have not seen him -  
 and also to drop a note  
 to Dr. K. Allude to the fact  
 of my conversation with  
 him &c. It will lay his  
 memory - at least - and will  
 do no harm. I was at a  
 Minister meeting at Madison  
 Monday. There are no Chs



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vacant hereabouts. - That's cer-  
tain! Start right in now. I  
won't do to wait. Just have  
any over delicacy. A minister  
knows how it is. Most of  
them have been there! Are  
you on good terms with  
Webster? ~~So~~ If so write  
him, straight. If not I will.  
He may know of something.  
If you hear of anything  
can help you in write me,  
and come over & see me

Yours & ever

C. D. Tott.