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36 Rev. Mr. Phelps.

Sir, You may recollect that I once, (almost a year since,) had
correspondence with you respecting an experiment in our little church & society
in Brookfields, of which the Rev. Mr. Stone is Pastor. The circumstances I then
detailed to you, I need not here repeat; - but only say that they continue as
they then were, - with some encouragement. In conversation last evening
with Dea. Proctor, he mentioned a friend of yours, Mr. Baldwin, who is
now at leisure, & who, he thinks, would suit that place, & people, if he might
be suited with them. Now, Sir, I have no authority in this matter; but know-
- ing their wants, I should be happy if ^{by} any instrumentality, (not officious-
- ness) of mine, & yours, they may be supplied with a man whom God
has prepared & provided for them. I have thought that should Mr. B. be
journeying that way, I could call on Mr. Stone, & speak for him a Sabbath,
- providentially - accidentally, - he would discover something of them, - & they of him, -
without pledge, or embarrassment, on either side. And of such an ar-
- rangement I could, if thought best, advise Mr. Stone, confidentially,
who would, I doubt not, cheerfully accede to such an experiment.
But ^{should} you think it best, & Mr. B. prefer it, I will write the Committee, -
& Mr. Stone, also, - & have them apply to him, if they are prepared so to
do, as ~~these~~ ^{the} candidates for settlement among them - I feel a deep interest
in their prosperity, & that of the truth in that my native place; - & shall
be obliged if you will inquire of Mr. Baldwin, & advise me of the result.

Very respectfully,
W. B. Brewster

If he is to be applied to please say - when, where, &c.
& give his christian name -

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