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Incoming Letters

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to whom I have been indebted for
full the greatest interest —
They are Merrill and Hawkins —
I never had, so far as I can remem-
ber, any one candidate — so strong-
ly recommended by so many good
and disinterested judges as these
two gentlemen. I might say too,
that I do not remember any one
who had made a more favorable
impression on me —
Merrill, I have known and been
interested in ever since he came
here, he was very warmly recom-
mended to me by an old friend —

he at Yale College, & afterwards at Andover
Theol Seminary, & in Hospital duty
during the war. He is a man of fine address,
& a fine Christian gentleman, cultivated,
& thoroughly well grounded in the
Christian doctrine. I think, Sir, you
will have been highly satisfied with
your choice when you hear of his
entire success in preaching the Gospel
wherever he may be settled, & I
believe he will be a great blessing
to the place of his permanent settlement.
Hawkins is a young man of great promise
& ability, and will be a very popular
preacher and a faithful, & successful
pastor. I think, Sir, you will be
delighted with your choice of him.
Both these men are Congregationalists
& Hawkins was brought up in the
Congregational church in Northfield
Massachusetts, where his father
& mother still live, & are
members of the church.