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My dear Eric,

Many thanks indeed for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> December about Fr. Peter CQA.  
When you asked me my opinion in George Timms' house I was  
taken somewhat by surprise. I would very much like to amplify  
what I said - though my views remain the same, namely  
that I believe Peter would make a good bishop: and I can  
never see any reason why he would be particularly  
suitable to Sussex.

Could I begin, however, with the one ~~point~~ which is in my  
mind as a novel ~~but~~ very personal talk with Peter but



of what others (Kyparitia people) have told me — and again, not  
 at any time because they disapprove of Peter at all. (In fact I  
 haven't seen Peter or had any contact with him for about two  
 years). The point is this — that Peter has very clearly indicated  
 his desire to be a bishop and he in fact has been quite specific in  
 at least one instance (in Scotland). Now I honestly don't  
 think that this is necessarily wrong or to his discredit at all:  
 but it is strange, perhaps, to voice one's ambitions in this way.  
 I think it is also true to say that Peter is inclined perhaps  
 to be over-sensitive to criticism — not at the personal level, but  
 at the level of his vision of the church, religion, community etc.,  
 is about (eg the Advisory Councils attitude to the application  
 for recognition by C.G.A.)

I was visited by C.G.A. for only a year or so & gave up because