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Dear Brother Phelps,

Come to the rescue! lest our moral reform women disgrace themselves and their cause irreparably. I do not undertake to decide ^{upon} the merits of the case, respecting the controversy between Mrs. B. Ordway and other members of the Board. I think them both wrong. but still, I see not why it could not all be settled if both parties will act fairly. Mrs. Furnells was at my house some days since, and I suggested a reference of all the points at issue, to a committee of 5 gentlemen, 2 to be chosen by each party, & the 4 to choose their own chairman. Both parties solemnly agreed to it - and now, the Board (one party) on the most flimsy & dishonorable pre-

without prayer". "They seek divine direction
etc - as tho' the Lord would direct them
to violate their word! - Well - they
may be entirely right in their views
of Mrs Ordway - or she may be right
& they wrong - or - as I believe, both
are partly right & partly wrong - but
the agreement to refer the matter for
decision to a third party, ought to be
adhered to - And if you will say as
much to Mrs Fuller & others, it will save
a general blow up, among the moral
Reform women thro' New England.

In haste, but with affection
your brother
Chas. Stone

tenses, have backed out from their agreement,
without the consent of Mrs. Ordway (the
other party). Now our Salem Moral
Reform folks can't swallow this - nor
I neither - Breaches of contract like this
are worse than any thing of which
Mrs Ordway is accused. And the
pretense is, (1) that Mrs Ordway did
not get her referees in season. She
tried hard to find them - having only
three quarters of an hour to do it! and
could not get them that night - But
did the next morning - Further - there
was no need of haste - and, besides, there
was no limitation of time in the
agreement! and (2) Some of them
assume a mock piety about the matter,
which betokens great ignorance, if
nothing else - saying 'they do nothing

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