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Dear Brother Phelps,

I am grateful for your punctuality in answering my last letters. I will not however fill this sheet with apologies for this ~~letter~~^{letter} has been so long forth coming. Difficult it to say, duties to prep, & time flies so rapidly, & only now I then get a glance at how much has fled, & find how delatory I have been in some of my duties to correspondents. It is now Saturday. My preparation for + Sab. is made; if it were not I think it wd remain unmade. The heat is peculiarly oppressive. What inspiring weather for sermonizing! It is enough to make a man puff even to talk & laugh with a friend to day; & much more, to converse by pen ink & manual manual labor. If + heat of summer is to be on + other extreme with + cold of Spring, how blessed you must be, in that you have no pastoral charges at present, & can supply + desk or preach as a candidate without + labor & sweating requisite to manufacture 2 ^{worsh.} sermons giants minds ever, in days like this, can by intellectual effort produce nothing but Lilliputian offspring.

I regretted to hear that you had left

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your interesting charge at Hespington. However + Lord Ea
reigns. How do you succeed in + city of Norwich. How you & me
Dr Beecher got most of + mass of Unitarianism reposed. In
Do + city folks receive cordially & immediately your full & a
blooded Taylorism? or do they wish to "leave you again on the
this matter." I presume you have not "turned + city up last
side down with your doctrine." What are your future ex-
plans? I we have urged you to come into this Co.: but there
only 2 Soc: now remain un supplied, & these are not dis-
very inviting fields to you, rather retired, & + salary diff-
not large. There is not a Co- in + state, so thoroughly im-
saturated with N. Haven theology as this. There are but 2 or 3
3 ministers in + Co., not on + moral agency scheme. we
Bouquet, a keen fellow from N. Haven, whom you probably do
recollect, is to be ordained soon in N. Willingby, 10
miles N. E. from me, on + road to Boston.

As to my own affairs; my meeting house is hastening towards Co
its completion. To be dedicated in Sept. or Oct. Soc: & be-
congrega- prosperous. Village flourishing; it is de- +
lightful this summer; several good men have been
into town lately, more are coming on long. 20
The academy here is + most flourishing ^{ev-} - +

Eastern part of the State. It has nearly 70 scholars -
and nearly half ladies, most of them from abroad.
My health has not been very good since I left the Sem.
I did violence to my left side, just before going to
in an Athol. That side has been more painful than ever
up last spring. I fear that my lungs are beginning to
suffer sympathetically somewhat with my probable liver complaint,
but I do not ^{now} put anything in alarm on this subject at present.
Mr Dickinson of Norwich is almost prostrated again with the
same dyspepsia. He has had the Colic almost to Blackness,
since his ordination. I understand however he is now
or somewhat better. I intend to go & see him next
week. The gen^l Gov^{er} of this State will be
at Norwich next week. Larned is at home in Thompson
this summer, attempting to recruit from the dyspepsia,
& is improving. He will probably address our Convention
towards Colchester on the 4th of July. I was appointed, but
because of other duties, pain in my side, & his being in
the vicinity this summer, I excused myself, & got
Mr S. Carter of Dudley Academy
20 miles north of me where ^{Francis} ~~Lawton~~ is settled. Lawton has
taken his place in Mendon. As to my views of education

Perhaps I shall recount by & by, if my health is good. I accept + re-
 gulation you & your House gave me in your last letter
 this July's. I ^{have} become acquainted with several chambers lately;
 among them, some precious descendants of President Edwards, of 4th gen-
 eration, but true blood, without much degeneration. Think, you
 not they must be prized, even without any solid chambers. I can
 get nothing to say of predators, without any of the clanking of chains. But
 how soon I may become a willing captive for life, I know not.
 What you "know not" now on this July's, you & your dear House
 may know hereafter, especially if you wait long enough.
 Write me soon. give me your late history; say love to Mrs P. Mrs. G. F. Pillsbury.

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