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Liberty Hall is finished, & Miller has delivered a

course, & that much excitement has been produced.  
Many here are enraged, & even threatened a mob.  
He is a man of strong mind, & good preacher, but  
takes neither course language. You know that as he  
understands the prophecies Jesus Christ will appear  
in person on this earth in the year 1844. Many  
are troubled by this announcement. I feel no concern  
for it. matter nothing to me whether it be so, or not.  
I & mine I know will be called for very soon,  
& a few days, or years, one of no consequence. It is  
certain that we cannot be prepared too soon.

The evening 4 of July is to be celebrated in this  
town by a gathering of half the county. The military  
from the region surround about one the patch of  
tent here. Much powder is to be burned, & no  
noise made. Mr. Turnbull, of Pepperill, is to sound  
the murderous deeds of our fathers, & reassert the  
stereotyped falsehood of our national freedom.  
It is a Democratic affair, & as I am not of your order,  
I can consistently make one of the party. How glad  
I the gift of tongues, what an admirable chance  
at the dinner table to give an A. S. Speech. Oh for  
the mantle of Balaam on Phillips for half an hour.  
I have written to Garrison to come & lecture in the  
evening. He would probably have a full house.

He has not answered. At the Middlesex County meeting  
held in Groton in April, I was surprised to see many  
faces which I had never seen at any A. S. meeting.  
The cause of it has just transpired. Many of Peabody

course of lectures in Mr. D. Phelps, as usual, lectured  
against him & his doctrines. I hear that Ed. Beecher  
is preaching the same sentiments in Boston to crowded  
houses, & that much excitement has been produced.  
Many here are enraged, & even threatened a mob.  
He is a man of strong mind, & good preacher, but  
uses rather coarse language. You know that as he  
understands the prophesy of Jesus Christ will appear  
in person on this earth in the year 1844. Many  
are troubled by this announcement. I feel no uneasiness  
for its matter, nothing to me whether it be so, or not.  
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from the region round about are to pitch their  
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told me that she had heard a letter read from  
A. A. Phelps to Dudley Phelps, telling him that the  
meeting would be "Garrison meeting unless efforts were  
made to prevent it, & calling on him to rally all  
who were opposed to it, or the Prof. Co. Dudley was  
not unmindful of the commission.

Yours A. J. \_\_\_\_\_

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