

~~24 Cornhill, Boston,~~  
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My dear Mr. Foster,

Yrs. of ~~yesterday~~ <sup>the 18</sup> is at hand.

You answer mine under a misapprehension. A little more reflection, I think and certainly hope, will lead you to a different conclusion. I was ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> sorry that I had ~~not~~ <sup>did not</sup> ~~thought~~ <sup>thought</sup> to speak to you about Goodell's book, when you were <sup>in v. office</sup> ~~there~~ last week; but you came in unexpectedly, and the subject did not occur to me till you had gone; ~~then I hoped to see you, on your way back;~~ <sup>and</sup> but you did not call <sup>again</sup> ~~before your return to Mr. Brock~~ — You will not take it unkindly, I hope, if I say you are sometimes a little too hasty; I, who am often so, may speak of this fault, but am bound to judge it very leniently <sup>in others;</sup> & I do think it a fault. — Now for you to ~~go to~~ <sup>withdrawing</sup> ~~throwing~~ <sup>you name</sup> up your agency <sup>on this ground</sup>, would surely not be doing a wise thing, — at least I firmly believe so and I think I can show it to you. — Let me premise that I hope you do not think so meanly of us, <sup>indeed I am quite sure you cannot,</sup> as to suppose

We want you to resign, & take this  
~~or any other indirect way~~ to lead  
you to it. We should regard  
it a loss to have you leave your  
work in connexion with ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ ~~our~~  
cause, & with our Society. ~~The~~ The  
testimony we have from abroad is strongly  
in your favour; ~~and in appreciation~~  
~~of your services~~; and we know, ~~and~~  
of ourselves, to ~~know~~ that you are a  
successful agent. So much for that.

If you are tired (not of the cause, but) of such  
steady, hard work, - work days; I never  
sh<sup>d</sup>. have appointed you such frequent  
meetings, but for your own express wish  
to be steadily working, whilst away from  
home. - If you can't be so much from  
home, that is another point, - which you,  
not we, can decide. - But supposing

(as I <sup>don't</sup> ~~think~~ <sup>is</sup> the case) that you & we are  
mutually satisfied, & that nothing is  
"between us" but this book of Goodell's; let  
us come at once to that. <sup>dispute</sup> ~~the opinion of~~  
You virtually ~~dispute~~ <sup>dispute</sup> ~~your~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~with~~ ~~Goodell's~~  
~~Phillips, & the~~ <sup>three</sup> ~~who~~ ~~went~~ ~~through~~ ~~the~~  
long contest with New Organization, on  
the character of Goodell's book. You

think there is nothing in it, to prevent  
our (I use the word our for brevity) selling  
& circulating it freely; and <sup>that</sup> if it has some  
prejudices against the Old Organ, <sup>why</sup> it is  
just what the Old Org<sup>n</sup> have ag<sup>t</sup> the

New, - I so the account is balanced!  
Now, considering that you did not go through that contest, & cannot be  
supposed to have so retained by acquaintance with it as those who did,  
- Wood, might you <sup>on the instant</sup> be so sure on this

point? I think an hour's <sup>careful</sup> talk  
with either Garrison, or Phillips, would  
lead you to a diff<sup>t</sup> conclusion. - I have  
<sup>what I deem</sup> the best reason for charging Goodell's "Slavery &  
Anti-slavery" with falsehood against the Am<sup>n</sup>.  
A. S. Soc<sup>y</sup>, <sup>its members &</sup> its operations. If this is so, is

it consistent with either our duty to our  
principles, or with a decent self-respect,  
~~for us~~ <sup>for us</sup> to be instrumental in giving currency  
to these falsehoods?

I leave this willingly  
to your decision. And that there is this

falsehood in the book, I am confident those  
can prove to you, who were parties in the  
transactions there commented on. - ~~The~~

~~next time we have a Board Meeting, (and I  
will take an early oppo. for one) I will~~

