

an vast half awake - how almost none of that order
& motions implied in what Paul says of himself to the
Ephesian Elders that he had worried every one might & cry
with tears. The ministers in this region are far behind
those of some other parts of our country, e.g. some parts of
N. York. Since the ministers of this region possess the
spirit of Laodiceans & Bereans & Skinner, a glow would
be spread over our churches & congregations such as we
have none yet seen. - you have cannot but recall P. Brown
sermon (in the evangelist) preached before the Gen. Assembly
thence it punches & felt that the speaker possess a spirit
that scarce met - the few men ev. - I intend when I go to
our next Ass. to pour out my soul upon our brethren.
We all of us ought to lie upon our faces before God.
& be ashamed & confounded that we have manifested
so little of the real spirit of the gospel - the other
I preached a new year anniversary sermon to my
(it is 2 years since I come here) I told them something of what had
been done & then spoke of what might have been done. I
confessed to them that I had no doubt there were those
in our churches who would have been converted if I had
done my duty - if I had acted as Paul would, had he
occupied my pulpit for these two years. And ever be
this is our awful thought. It should lie upon our spirits
until it has summoned every energy into the service of
G. We have before last there was a 4 days meeting at Southboro.
Bro Perry & myself were the only stouche bys. I preached 4 of the
sermons Perry 3. ³ each of us made addresses respectively & each
most in the evening meeting. Things were as we wish to have
them. And the result was good - glorious - now do I think that
that of any such meeting I have attended I preach better than the following

With regard to Dr Woollen's "comment" you see by the
spirit of the pilgrims that Dr Beecher had taken hold. I think
he will kindly yet plainly expose some of Dr W's nonsense.
This last letter is in full encouragement - a perfect petitio
principii all the way through. Besides it is a mere spool
over some 6 or 8 pages. A number of flies with their legs well
inched would suffice as many & to about as much purpose
since you know that at the "Caucuses" at Boston
the other way there was appointed as a committee now one
in each association through the state to correspond with
their central committee. I saw Bro Maltby of Sutton a few
days since who told me all about it. - you see Bro Sewitt
watches it in the Evangelist. What a perfect system
of espionage - for what else is it. Here we all have
our spies about us - one in each Ap - who, nobody knows.
Who can it be in ours? Foster Wright? I shall ask him
in plain terms the first opportunity & shall tell him what
report to send in concerning myself, viz that my soul
is grieved & that I am weeping in secret places over the
that concern in my brethren which consists in ac-
knowing those above the force owed & blessed, &
which is calculated to excite very other feelings rather
than those pity & benevolence; to promote any other
cause rather than the cause of Y. Oh my Bro what are
we coming to! Can it be that the revivals of last year
are interrupted - stopped entirely, by accusations brought
by Gall's own people - against the principles, consistency
of them! - I have never so much as lately felt the responsi-
bility of the ministry, & this not so much by looking
at myself in my relations to my particular charge, as
by considering the influence which the ministry generally
have upon the community. The ministers in this region

