

Brooklyn March 12th 1832

Dear Br. Phelps

I perceive fr. + date of your last letter tho it is now just 3 months since you devoted a few moments to communion with me. I was much obliged to you for the long expected letter. I am really ashamed tho I have not testified my gratitude more promptly. How rapid is + flight of time. I was not aware ^{from} the 2 months have passed since I last heard fr. you.

As for myself. I find my hands full of business, without being + steward of a family, or spending time in sweet converse with a charming ^{lady}. I am not yet much "entangled with + affairs of this life." If I need pardoning for this circumstance, I hope you + your dear Spouse will grant me abundant pardon. My health is good, with + exception of a side ache occasionally. 40 have joined my ch. at + 2 last sacramental season. Perhaps 20 more may be expected at + 2 next. My house of worship is full to overflowing. We have a new recruit of singers, a large choir took their seats last Sab., & almost

filled + galled. The land is purchased for my new
meeting house, at 800 dollars; + materials exc. Co.
Coating, + house will probably be raised about + first
of May, & be completed in Oct. Mr May, my
Unitarian coadjutor, seems to endeavor as much
as possible to "transform himself into an angel of light."
The State of Brooklyn requires him to be unswerving of
orthodox, (ie) as near evangelical, as possible in approu.
ance. I make him some trouble. When I hold meetings
in a certain part of + town, he tho' fear of his flock
also attends my meetings, "follows suit." I usually
have a 3^d service on + Sat-; so he has commenced
giving a course of Sat- eve² lectures. However he
has poor success in his labors. "The Conies are a feeble folk." I
enjoy myself well amidst my labors here; have a number
of my old college & seminary friends settling around me.
Sam^l Rockwell, a classmate in college, has just accepted
a call at Plainfield, 8 miles S.E. fr. me. He will probably
be ordained on + 2^d week in April. Pr. Dickinson your
classmate in College, & ours in + semi², is to be ordained
in Norwich on + first Wednesday in April. Dr Haws & Dr Taylor
will probly be present. Dr Taylor is expected to preach.

Dickenson wishes me to give him right hand on 7 occasions.
Coveles of N. Heaven, Jew^d, who was with us these 2 clips in 7
near, is to be ordained in Woodstock, about 12 miles north of me,
about 1st of April. I have no less than about 9 college
& Jew^d acquaintances within 12 or 20 miles of me. All
& vacanciers in this region are now filled with 7 exception
of 2 or 3 not very desirable places. Several changes of inhabit
ants are to take place in this town in Apr^l, favorable to
orthodoxy. Jenkins, my Falmouth ^{friend}, has come in town, & settled
down in Mercantile business by 7 side of me. He will make
a pillar in 7 ch. & soc^y. Several orthodox families are to
come into town soon. Deaver of Mendon, with another young
married man fr. 7 same place, ~~is~~ to come in Apr^l
set up a Baking establishment here. I understand by
tho you have ~~been~~ asked a dismission fr. Despinkton. I hope
you will not leave 7 ch. now in this impor^t crisis; but will
stay at least & see them fairly under way as a new estab
lishment. You will have a large charge, when 7 radicals
desert you, or eject you fr. 7 meeting house. It must
be delightful among so many materials, to enlarge
& rear up a glorious fabric of orthodoxy. "Don't give
up 7 ship." W^m Potter has taken 7 school in Dudley where

Francis is settled. Lawton has left + school in Dudley & gone where
 Porter was in Munson. Isaac Porter called on me during his
 last vacation. He is studying medicine in New Haven. Elder
 of N.H. Sem^r, is about to be settled in Norfolk in May. Rev. Mr. Perkins
 of N.H., has lately been installed in Wilton Ct. - out, west of
 N.H. in Fairfield Co. Wm Whittlescy has lately been in S. Brook^{field}.
 He wrote me fr. there. Where he is now I know not. He seems rather anxious
 to get settled. Write me soon. Present my kind regards to your Mother &
 Mrs Phelps. How does Lee flourish? Is he married? Remember
 me affectionately to Baldwin & see if you see him soon. Write me
 all + new fr my friends around you, I for + region
 Yours with much regard W. Villotou

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