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Opposition to the doctrine — On this I want
your opinion. Perhaps nobody who has the
means would be willing to run the risk of
a large pamphlet or book. But the story
will require some "long articles".

A part of what I should like to write,
would be not only appropriate, but necessary
in the Anti-Slavery papers — but perhaps not
the whole.

You are right, I think, in saying that
they will oppose all Church action, as well
as Political action. See how they treat
the Baptist Convention. — I have penned
a paragraph or two, for my paper on that
point.

Please write soon.

Yours truly,
J. E. Goddell

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What is Bro. Edwight going about?
Hope we are not to lose his aid in
the Cause?

I shall find it exceedingly difficult
to get the time necessary for the proposed
labour, but must try to make it out,
Some how.

J. E. G.

and fearless course would land our so called "non-resistants" in a full denial of all divine punishments. — Do get me a Copy of that sermon (and Ware's too) if you can.

The articles I wish to write would be incomplete without the paragraphs to which I have alluded. — It will be important to show that, according to the principles of the N.R. it follows, of necessity, that there should be no penal law in the Universe. & that, in fact, the doctrine has grown up among those whose theological System casts contempt & obloquy upon penal law.

Another thing. Bro. Torrey told me, he was collecting facts on Antinomian perfectionism & its connexion with the Non-Resistants. — Will your facts include this department of the Subject? If so, another of the moral affinities of the System may be traced in an instructive manner.

I wish we were nearer together, so as to compare notes, as we write. — If I were as well acquainted, as you are, with the facts, it would enlarge if not correct or modify my views of the principles. And if you could see which I might suggest respecting the inevitable operating of certain principles, it might bring fresh to your memory a number of corroborations tho' seemingly unimportant facts. But these advantages we must supply, by correspondence, as we can. —

Now for the medium of communication & means of publishing. — Newspaper, book, or pamphlet. — But this you are silent. — I wish to have my subscribers understand the Subject. But my paper is too small. — There may be objections raised to the discussion. Many still think it is not needed (Bro. Green is not among these.) Some parts of the discussion may seem too theological & (in some eyes) doctarian, for an official Anti Slavery paper. — I suppose I could occupy the Union Herald, and it would carry it where it most needed in this State. A year or two ago, I was invited to occupy the Liberator & Non-Resistant, (which would also carry it to a very desirable class of readers,) and I can hardly suppose I should now be excluded, notwithstanding Mr. Garrison's appeal to the abolitionists of this State to put me down, for writing my

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Dear Bro. Phelps

54 [I agree with you that the principles and
practices of the so called "Non-Resistants" must be ex-
posed. I am willing to do my part, if Providence per-
mits, and the division of labor you propose is perhaps,
very nearly, the best one that could be made. You will
not omit due reference to the principles illustrated in your
developments of facts. And on my part, it will be
necessary to state & prove facts enough to show that
they hold the principles I attribute to them. Their printed
documents, if I can find them, will perhaps furnish me
with extracts enough to answer this purpose. There is
another part of the works, which, tho' it belongs to
the historical part, you have not, perhaps included
in your plan, & on which I could perhaps, bring out some
of the links in the Chain of cause & effect, by which the
"Anti-Civil Government" doctrine has been ushered into being.
I suppose I could tell Garrison, & H. C. Wright some news
on this subject. They have breathed an atmosphere, ready, pre-
pared for them, before they came on to the stage. I allude to
the manner in which the "Peace Question" has been managed in
Mass. for 25 years past. All that time, the theologians who
disbelieve the "Sanguinary scheme" of the atonement and of penal
law, have been "sifting in" their views into the Peace discussion.
I know the fact, but do not know whether I can command
the documents to which I should like to refer. — Worcester furnishes
me an idea or two in points, if I could find it. Channing
in his celebrated Baltimore Sermon (at the installation of Sparks's
beliefs) had a paragraph which ought to be copied, if I
could find it. He represents the Orthodox doctrine of the atonement
as making the Cross of Christ "the great central gallows of
the universe". And then he ^{points} turns on to speak of the idea of
God's Vindictive justice as just fit to be ranked with the
racks and gibbets and prisons and tortures employed in our
barbarous age. It was as easy to see them (It was seen by
some) that Consistency, if he should ever dare to arrive at it,
would oblige him to deny all the penal Sanctions of Civil
law, as it is now easy to see that the same frank