

Berlin Ct Jan^y 25th 1831.

Bro Phelps.

As I have now a small remnant of a broken eve^s before^{me}, & as it is some time since I last addressed you, I now devote a few moments to communion with you. The Lord has recently called me thro' scenes of affliction. A week ago this day I received + sad intelligence of + death of my Mother. For + last week of her life she failed very rapidly, being almost worn out with her long existing nervous affections. I was suddenly called home to attend + funeral ceremonies. The loss & interment of those we love, I find by experience more trying to patience & submission than I had previously supposed. But our heavenly Father reigns; & let + earth rejoice. May my affliction bring forth in me & ⁱⁿ all my kindred + peaceable fruits of righteousness.

I received your last letter a few weeks since; am much obliged to you for your cautions about + preservation of health; tho' my danger fr. excessive action, I think not insurmountable at present. As for Athol, Saunders was + only man I c^d get fr. N. Haven to take my place. The revival

has continued to advance since I left them. I gave them one call
a negative answer. For some reason, I know not what, I
saiders is not about to tarry with them. They have written
to me for a candidate fr. N. W. Now I know not of a suitable
man who can be had. I have preached in this place 7 sab. wks
I am to remain here one sab. longer. The ch. meets I
this week & + soc^y next Monday to see about giving
me a call. I understand + pres. say there will be but
one voice about it. The soc^y here is not very large. The
congregation consists of 4 or 5 hundred in + summer, &
& less in + winter. The village in + summer is one
of + most delightful in + state. The soc^y has an organ
in + church. The soc^y has rather declined for a few
years thro' sectarian influence, & + old age & feeble
health of Mr Goodrich. The pres. wish now if possible
to recruit & invigorate + soc^y. The universalists fr. this
& + neighboring towns are about, put up a church of
this stamp in this village, wh. will be + 2^d church
of that kind in this state. They need some man fr. N. W. to
stand in this place, & withstand those libertines. They
want a stronger man, than I fear they will get. Several
things are very pleasant about this soc^y. It is very

compact. Every school house is within 2 miles of + church.
It is near home &c. Near Hartford, Middletown, &c. &c.
+ places of public meetings, &c. But still I do not wish
to settle any where yet awhile: & it is quite doubtful
whether I tarry here, even if + pro. wish it ever so much.
I expect to leave this place for Brooklyn + seat of Windsor
county, next week. The orthodox Soc^y have recently
dismissed Mr Edson. A revival has lately commenced
there. They have sent for me to come on & tarry
till + first of April. I have not engaged however
to remain with them only till + first of May.
Groomer yet preaches in Pomfret. There has been ^{quite}
an accession to the ch. since he has been there. There
are still new cases of conviction & conversion. There
are revivals in some neighboring towns. There has been
of late & still is a gradual revival in Tyler's Soc^y in
of Middletown. — ^{Feb 10th} Brooklyn. I arrived in the
town yesterday. The church & Soc^y in Berlin have given
me a unanimous & very pressing call to settle with them. Several
young men in early life who have hitherto refused to join + Soc^y, came
forward & joined on Monday last, & several more will probably
join soon. The board thought it not best to vote formally a large
salary, lest some should, in consequence, refuse to join + society.

They therefore voted a salary of 500 dollars, as a pro³. This individuals
 made pledges of a 100 more. Its in + dispensations of divine
 Providence; they have become so much united, & as they say + unis.
 vocalists w^o voice to have me negative their call; they pretend
 that I must come back. May + Lord direct me in + decision of +
 solemn question before me. The peo-ple have contended for 8 years
 away. Dark clouds of discussion lately hung over + church. But they
 dissipated in a striking manner. There is a general solemnity among + orthodox.

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I saw my pleasure to attend in the Williams
 family. The Rev. Mr. Weston is an excellent man
 and has a better way of doing things with his
 people than I have seen elsewhere. I have not
 seen him for a long time. I hope for a happy
 success in his new undertaking.

How bright is + prospect of a general revival, I know not, for I have
 not yet addressed + people, nor been among them much. The Unitarian
 Soc^y has not increased here this 4 years. Half + wealth, more than half +
 intelligence & influence, all + liberally educated men except Mr. May
 + Unitarian Minister are members of + orthodox Soc^y. All + lawyers
 + 2 Physicians out of 3 belong to + orthodox Soc^y. I am members of + college.
 The town is flourishing. It is now court time. Judge Dagut is here. I correspond with + women
 of + late Mrs. Williams of New York. I have written to Mr. Weston. I have written to Mr. Weston.
 Governor + understand the new measures in Massachusetts. I would not to settle. Yours Geo. A. Weston