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Boston April 2, 1838.

Dear Brother ~~Emerson~~

I understand that ~~Mr. H. has~~

has left, or is about leaving you, & that you are on the lookout for a successor. Permit me to recommend to you, ~~my~~ Brother in law, Moore, recently of Natick. His present address is Wrentham. He is a discreet, & at the same time decided & fearless. He is, in my judgment, much above the ordinary run of preachers. His sermons are sound & well written, & his manner of delivery, though not as earnest & impassioned as some men's, is yet good & impressive. I think he would make you an excellent minister. He is now at liberty & could come & preach for you almost any sabbath, if you should desire it. I hope you will at least give him a hearing. That can do no harm, & I should hope, on hearing him, that you would be pleased enough with him to retain him. He would prefer coming at first only for one sabbath, as an occasional supply, & not as a candidate. Should you then wish his services longer, you can make arrangements accordingly.

And now a word in respect to abolition. You are aware of the collision between the state & national societies.

- have seen, I suppose, the statement of the case in the
"Christian Journal Extra" - I know that your county board
have taken supervision of the field within your county &
invited in the agents of the American Society, thus virtually
taking sides with that society. Well, your county society
is to meet soon in New Bedford, at which time I place I
have no doubt an effort will be made to undo what
the county board have done, & to pass resolutions sustaining
the state, & condemnatory of the county & Parent boards, &
~~unless~~ what with the quakers & colored people in New Bedford
it will not be strange if the attempt succeeds.

What your views on the matter in dispute are, I know
not, nor is it of any importance for me to know, so far as it
concerns what I wish now to say to you. I will only say this,
as I cannot go now into the matter in detail, that I regard
the Parent Committee in the right. They ought to be sustained.
Nor do I believe that the state Board would ever have sent
out their protest but for certain "ulterior measures" which
they wished to accomplish thereby - one of these is to crush
the Massachusetts Abolitionist, by shutting out of the state, the
agents of the Parent Society, who are generally favorable to it,
& where they can ^{do it} without interfering with the duties of their
agency, are in the habit of getting subscribers for it - another
is to make the Society anti-orthodox in its influence - and
another, by having the entire control of the cause in the state,
to take advantage of it for the promulgation of non-resistance
- no government, &c. &c. I can give you facts when I see you

that will bear me out in all these positions. The truth
is Garrison & the Board are themselves guilty of the
very things they are charging on others. They are just in
the attitude of the man who cries "Stop thief" that he
, under cover of that cry, may make off with the stolen
goods. I hope to see you & converse with you at length
on these subjects by & by. Meanwhile if you agree with
me that the Parent Committee ought to be sustained, I
hope you will see that the meeting at New Bedford
~~is~~^{is} not a packed one, but that those who think
~~with~~^{with} us, as well as others, are on the ground
prepared to hear the case, & take proper action
thereon should it come up. Remember me affectly
to your family.

Yours truly

A. A. Phelps.

P.S. Brother ~~Amos~~^{Amos} is a good abolitionist - but wise &
prudent at the same time that he is firm & decided on the
subject. Of course he would not make a tabby of his

^{& accusations}
Such efforts ^{as the above letter} Mr Phelps did not
hesitate ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{make} against his brethren of the board. And even
intend that his reasons for doing so, should be made public. His own
testimony, respecting similar allegations ^{presented} ^{as} reasons for the
formation of a new Society, only a year ^{previous}, is ~~no~~ left true
now. At the moment that this letter was ^{written} the Mass. Soc had

right orthodox regard in the field, I get one of another
other subject. Since the Society thought no better of them for their
entirely society existing, but the Society did deem it a postponed convenience
~~that that the orthodox members should see friend of Massachusetts~~
that orthodox pro-slavery, should be met & opposed by orthodox
anti-slavery.
Who that sees Mr. Phelps's testimony, Jan'y 1839. As given

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