

New York ^{England} Feb. 6. 1835.

Dear Wife

Bro Thompson in N.Y.
J. Leavitt to England

" I suppose you are ever anxious to hear how I get along & what I am going to do - & especially so just at the present juncture. Well then - to go back to Norwalk - I lectured there on Monday & Tuesday evenings - good meetings - set the whole town by the ears on the subject. From that place I came to New York on Wednesday, & in the evening attended the meeting of the Ex Com., when it was decided that Thompson & myself had better make New York our Centre for the present, & labor in the City & general vicinity - ~~by which was meant~~ between this & the Anniversary. We shall do so - lecturing now & then in the City & then in the intervals going to some of the most important towns up the river (such as Troy, Albany &c) & along the sound - (such as New Haven, Norwich, & I think Providence). If this arrangement goes into effect, my plan is to visit New Haven with Thompson next week, & shall then, myself, while he is there, trip it up to Farmington & complete the arrangements about the house, & then we shall go to Albany, &c to be gone some two or three weeks, then back to New York & about the 1st of April to Providence, when I shall go to Boston & make arrangements about moving our goods.

It was however proposed in the committee, on Wednesday evening that brother Leavitt should go forthwith to England, as he wishes to go partly on his own account, to represent us fairly there & refute the slanderous representations that might be made of us

by Drs, Codman, Spring & Humphrey, & also consummate a
Union of action between our Society & the British & also the
French Societies, so as to pre-stall any movements of the kind
that our enemies the Unionists might be disposed to make.
If he goes it ^{is} not impossible (indeed there seems ^{now} to be no other
way in which ~~it can be done~~ he can be released) that I shall
take his place as editor of the Evangelist, until he returns,
in which case I shall be located here until sometime in
August. In that case I shall of course have you here with me,
but shall still, I think, send our furniture to Farmington & make
the other arrangements there as before. This matter will be deter-
-mined in a day or two & you shall then know the result.
I shall write, by Thompson, by whom I send this, to Drew in relation
to my furniture & request him, if he can, to sell the best glasses, the
Caud tables & the Sofas, & also to see to removing my books to some
place where they can be kept until my arrangements are definitely
settled & determined on. I wish you to write Drew immediately what the cost
of the glasses was. In regard to our movements here - I will simply
say, in addition to what you see in the ^{last} Evangelist that yes-
-day we had another meeting in Dr. Loring's church for the
purpose of forming a ladies city society. It was held at 12 o.
clock, three or four hundred ladies present, Thompson lectured,
with great effect, a society was organized, all went off without the
least sign of any disturbance, & the cause, I think, has received
a new impulse here. The movements here will react on Boston.

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family matters. I have thought the
matter over & over & I think
in the worst way will be best
to put on the addition. I
think we can do that & still
pay off 100 out of the debt
I have when we make some
other arrangements for
myself & mother. I will have
a convenient home if I
should move to Concord
I have the will in them
if we should let the girls
at the close of the year, the
arrangement on the home & the
improvement the expense would
make on the home would
make it well worth
the mortgage to pay the expenses.

Give my dear boy a kiss - & take one at least for your-
self. I hope for your sake that I shall occur
by the editor's chair for a few months. However all
these things we must leave for Paul to decide. A good
father is always ready to do what is best for his children
Cause most needs him. I was then about her husband's
then what she thought of you. He said the thought you had
reason to complain - that the unmarried men ought to stay at
home & that the unmarried men ought to be the agents that
Paul did so &c - I told her that Paul said that those who
had wives should be as those that had none &c. And now
how you feel about it I can't say, but I must confess I feel
sometimes as though I obeyed Paul in one thing at least. Well
no matter. It is good to deny oneself for God's suffering poor. We
that waiteth shall be waited. Always pray for me.
Your affectionate husband
A. S. Phelps.

James A. Phelps
New York
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Mrs Charlotte Phelps.

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