

when others can say & do things better than I can
Still I do not wish to shrink from any responsi-
bility. By the way, Mr Weeks, who is one of your
church, & now resides with us, says that you would
probably be glad to run away from Boston to spend
a Sabbath in Spr - If so, I will supply your pre-
-pit the Sabbath after the anniversary - ~~the Sab-~~
-bath Sabbath - you can come on Saturday after-
-noon & return Monday morning - if you choose
Bear it in mind & let me know when I see you
May the Lord be with you at all & order all
things for his own glory

Yours affectionately

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Brother Phelps

I rec^d two letters from you
respecting the anniversary at Boston. I am
now nearly on the wing for Maine, to
visit an aged & sick mother, near the close
of life. This will amount for my absence
from N.Y. Be of good courage & put your
dependence upon God, & exhort all our friends
to feel the same, & every thing will work for
good. I believe that we have the most praying
people on our side. I am now convinced
that Garrison hates the ministry & wishes
to destroy it, & this is the secret of his hostility to
us - Perhaps I judge him too hard. My expectation
is to be in Boston at our anniversary, & if I feel
in the mood I will speak, if you wish it
But I am a man creature of impulse at such
times, & I cannot propose a speech. If no other
course the privilege I will help you: if they do
then let me be as quiet as the Brahmin
Dicit. I never wish to be seen or heard