

George Allen
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Mr. Phelps,

Yrs. were duly recd. and appreciated. I have not much faith that I shall be at N. York at the anniversary, and indeed if I go at all it will be by good works. I earnestly desire to go and to have every one else go who would go straight, but in these hard times, that compels the best of folks to be stony, a ten dollar bill, or so, is not to be extracted even from the willing, I suppose on the old principles of philosophy. *Quod non habet, dare non potest.* — I shall however go if I can, and if not, be as patient as I can, in the blessed hope that enough better will be at N. Y. to do the good work up in good style.

As to the letter on the women's question, it is the only letter that might not easily be transmittable. The authorities I intended to use are scattered and cannot, without more time than I can possibly spare, be gathered and sorted. The position against women's voting in the A. S. Soc. is a strong one, and may be maintained invincibly. I hope you will take that position at the meeting in N. Y. That question is foregone with a letter of others in the same likeness, and if it be thrust through, the rest will die before they are ferrowed.

I shall make what effort I can at the Apr. next week
to beat up recruits for the N.Y. expedition.

Affectionately,

Geo. Allen