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Br. Phelps,

Yours of yesterday's date is before me.

My first remark is, that whatever I do, I wish to do well, if it is mending a poor.

Now you ask me to make an important report on an important subject, at a most important & critical time, with three or four days notice, including the Sabbath & an Annual Meeting of the Wm. Co. Abolition Society. I cannot do it. I have not time, I have not health to do it.

I intended to have seen Alder again, while in Boston, but hastened home, because my eldest son had fallen & broken his arm during my absence.

Besides, my books & papers are all in confusion, as I am making preparations to remove to a house, which I have recently purchased.

If I am able to be at Boston, with any comfortable measure of health, it will be much more than I now expect. But as for the report, I cannot, and shall not think of it.

Fraternally Yours,

Jos. Warren Cross

Rev. Amos A. Phelps