

to make 1 former a justification of 1 latter, but
only meant to show that the system being organic, made
emancipation more difficult in certain cases. I could
hardly help explaining that the mountain had travelled
& brought forth a mouse. But I only told him that
he would make too much of organic sin, or he would
make nothing of it. My chief apprehension is, that
if he goes on as he goes this week, he will so amuse
himself, touching the organic, as to leave not much for
you to do. But there are other points, especially that of
slaveholding in the apostolic churches.

Dr Woods you see is getting his jesting into
the Puritan. It is worthy of that paper. The Portland
Mirror copies Beecher's articles & I hope will copy yours.
Do you know who it is that has written that paper
some sharp articles, & proposed to write more? I have
thought of Dwight.

Wife & the children are well. I am affectionate
etc remembrance to you & yours indeed.

Affec. &c.

E. D. Moore.

Rev. E. D. Moore,

Boston, Nov. 13, 1845.

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Br. Phelps.

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You will see by your paper of today, that Beecher is likely to write something longer, though he is about ready to withdraw his objection to the publication of your letters. Unless you direct otherwise we shall insert your first letter after our next paper, i.e. week after next. Perhaps Beecher will get through by the time you have done with Stone. I had a long talk with him the other day about the discussion. He talks with great confidence, knows that he is right, & that on every point he shall be triumphant. I told him however, that, little as I pretended to know, I could show up some of his mistakes, if it were my business to answer him. I suppose the question in regard to slavery's being organic, is not whether it is so, but whether this fact of his being so, exculpates individual slaveholders. If I understand Beecher, he has already quibbled about every thing on this point. In my talk with him I denied that an organic of the thing made any man necessarily a slaveholder. He said it did, cited the case of children & minors, who are compelled to sustain a relative to slaves as owners. I told him it was the most trifling to bring forward such cases - cases at most of mere passive slaveholding, to show that there might be cases of innocent slaveholding among those who are of age, & voluntary partners with the body politic in holding a slave. He said he did not mean