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sence of man & the mighty grace & power of God. Pray  
much — "Prayer is the expression of want to him  
that can relieve it."

I cannot come, because I attend a  
protracted meeting this week, another next, another  
the next. I teach in a Theological School, I  
am just commencing a new Academy for boys  
on Christian principles. I am carrying forward an  
important machinery in my Church, which cannot  
at present be left for a week without  
irreparable damage. Hence I have re-  
fused to go to several places, even the city of  
Washington.

All this is to secure a place in  
your affections while I say — No.

Truly yours —

E. N. Kirk.



God the Father, Son & Holy Ghost - Abraham's God, the  
Son who interceded, the Father who heard prayer,  
the Spirit who descended on the celebrated day of  
Pentecost, nearly 1800 years ago.

No, my brother, my sympathies &  
poor prayers are with you. And I know the im-  
portance of making a peculiar adaptation of instru-  
ments to the peculiar work of protracted meetings.  
There is in this work, emphatically, a hand, a foot,  
an eye. And some one of these is more adapted  
to this service than the other - and yet, should not  
say, in reference to the great work - "I should  
need of thee".

The Scylla & Charybdis here are -

1. Employing any body & every body who preaches,  
to conduct these meetings.
  2. A man-worshipping,  
God-dishonoring preference of M. A. Dr. Britten.  
c. "revival preachers; powerful preachers" &c.
- Keep your people humble - fill their eye with  
the importance & magnitude of the work, the impo-



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I cannot leave Albany at this time, for a sufficient length of time, to come & assist you. Why? Does not my heart rejoice that you are using the new means, or rather revived the old ones, which the Holy Spirit has ever acknowledged as the Channel of his operations when humbly & believably used? Truly my dear bro. it does. My enthusiasms kindles as I look forward to the aggressive movements of the Church with an enlightened, heaven-taught, man-taught, humble, zealous, wide, faith-exercising ministry at its head. Am I an unconcerned spectator of the Conflict in Boston? Let my right hand forget her cunning first? Should I go timid, & dubious of success? No, if I knew that your Syon people & myself had two feelings - 1. An earnest, irrepensible desire for men's Salvation. 2. An unmingled Confidence in