

Hallowell, Mon. noon, Nov. 20, 1843.

(Confidential.)



Dear Sir,

If you can send me the *Liberator* containing the letter of Thomas P. Beach in which he gives an account of the causes which led to his leaving the ministry you will oblige me greatly. If you wish it returned and will just write the word lent upon it or make a +, I will be sure to return it in safety. I have his other two principal letters that he wrote you while in jail but have either lent or given away that one and cannot get track of it. Wish exceedingly to lend them to Mr. Thurston, the Congregational minister of this place. He is one among a thousand - a truly honest man. I have never seen a person whose native love of truth I thought was greater than his & although he is so blinded by his sectarian education and does not believe in the "peculiar views" advocated in the *Liberator* yet he cherishes a high opinion of your mental & moral worth and I have heard him reel with much earnestness and feeling the charge made against you of "infidelity." He has a clear, discriminating mind and it seems to me that if he could become thoroughly acquainted with the true Christian doctrines he would be convinced: and he is one who if he should become convinced would acknowledge it, let it cost him what it might, even if he was not willing to practice them. Could his eyes but be opened, he would be a host in the warfare against the powers of darkness. He is esteemed by all and respected by all, - even those who are most opposed to his sentiments or hate his church - and those who are writhing under his searching rebukes for their hypocrisy, and inconsistency as professors of religion.

Had I the means I would pray for the Liberator to be sent to him weekly without his knowing from whence it came. He seldom sees it. I gave him the one containing those lengthy letters of G. E. Wright & your first from Northampton, which he seemed pleased to receive. Lent him at the same time Boyle's letter to you. Saw him in a store this morning when he told me he had read it and would return it soon. Do not see him now a days to have any conversation with him. Wish Rogers could send him the Herald of Freedom. Think it would shake some of the scales from his eyes. He constantly seems like one who carries about a burden greater than he could bear. Would not trouble you about the paper had I not ^{first} sent in vain to Bath to obtain it. Bro. Soule inquired of all your subscribers there for it, though without letting them know for what purpose he wished it.

Mr. Merrill the bearer of this is just what he seems & it was his house that was a welcome home for Bro. Smith while he was in Hallowell. If you have opportunity to converse with him after you have read this, wish you would converse with him in relation to the carrying out of the Non-Resistance principles. He wishes to understand them.

I wished to speak to you concerning the forms of Petition but I see that I have scarcely a moment more to write & can only say that I obtained some a while ago and was about to commence circulating them when it occurred to me that some of their expressions are not exactly in accordance with Non-Resistance principles & I have been hesitating about circulating them. Will you in the paper explain "abolishing." Does it not imply abolishing by human penalties.

With much esteem and respect, M. C. Hinkley.

W. L. Garrison