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Rev^d Amos A. Phelps

Dear Sir,

I have had an interview with Mr. Gayles since you left. He professes to be entirely satisfied since his conference with you on Wednesday evening. I should judge from his remarks that his confidence is in no wise diminished. The other Brethren, who had similar feelings with him, I presume are now satisfied, or I should have heard from them. They were probably disturbed by a few hard words in your Tuesday evening discourse, which, united with the "leaven" of Mr. Rand's doubts, excited their fears that a mistake might have been made. It was doubtless wise to answer their difficulties at once; and I cannot but esteem it a favorable providence that you delayed your departure a little for the purpose. There has nothing transpired since you left that would in any wise diminish your prospect of usefulness with us; and I cannot but hope that you will feel it your duty to assume the oversight of our enterprise, agreeably to the invitation you have received.

Your talents are in my judgment well adapted to such a station as this; and I have strong confidence

that you will, with the divine blessing, succeed in establishing
a flourishing church. — You will find it necessary
to adapt your extemporaneous performances to the
taste of the multitude, which is pleased with fluency
of speech, even at the expense of accuracy and depth
of thought. I can have no doubt that you will
succeed in overcoming a hesitancy of manner, which
has been noticed; but it will take time, and
it becomes those of us who have acted in
view of the whole ground, to give you an
opportunity to do that by degrees, which cannot
in the nature of the case, be accomplished
at once. — You will excuse the freedom
of my remark. It is elicited by the most friendly
regard. —

I shall be happy to hear from
you, and particularly so, if made acquainted
with your acceptance of our invitation.

Please to present my respects to Mrs
Phelps and believe me to be truly and
affectionately yours —

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