

can accomplish something if we try, & even can point a
church, with the proceeds of tea. Mrs Butler told me this morning,
if any of us wrote you, to tell you we were trying to
improve your house a little before your return, & wished
to send respects. People seem much interested in Mr Colman,
& like his preaching much. Mr Dwight was here at tea last
evg, & wished to be remembered to you. All ~~the~~ people
are well, I believe, except a daughter of Mr Delona, who it is
feared will not recover.

1843
MAY 17

Rev Mr Johnson & Single -

Rev Amos A Phelps

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You lose something by being absent just now, even a
wedding. Miss Lanson is to be married next Wednesday eve. I left
this place vacant for Edward, but he is too tired to write: he
is quite a good boy now I believe, & was much pleased with
your paper. It is just a year to-day since I first came here, &
as I think of ^{the} change this year has made, I realise in some slight
degree the brevity & uncertainty of life. Every hour when I am at
home, brings to mind the hours of a year since, passed with her
who is now gone from us. May we all when we have no more
here to do, join the loved & lost ones, in the land of the blest
Your mother sends her best love also Mrs Bellin, F. R

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& it was much better, so much so, that they thought it would not come to a head, so that by this time I presume it may be nearly well. We all miss her very much, your mother especially. Her health is about as usual, though she has some cough, but Prudence is so good a girl, & so kind to her, that her cares are lightened -

We all enjoy ourselves very much, at least I am quite sure I do. Do you have many prospects in England superior to to the view, from your own home? These pleasant days it is really enchanting, now however, we present quite a formidable appearance, for a company of soldiers from Portland are encamped just opposite us on the hill. The 17th of June is quite a time this year, in consequence of celebrating the completion of the monument. But instead of telling what is to come, I must describe things of the past which you will like to hear. The ladies began to think our church needed some painting & repairs, & decided upon a Tea Party to raise funds. It was held last night in the Market Hall, & was quite an affair. No pains had been spared - all seemed interested. Baptists, Unitarians & in fact nearly all the ladies on the island, sent in donations of cake &c. We had short speeches from Messrs Johnson, Dwight, Shephard, Whiton & Mr Town. At the close of his remarks, Mr Town proposed as a sentiment, the "prosperity & safe return of our Pastor".

The response from all parts of the hall was loud & long. It seemed like striking a chord which vibrated all round, for it even extended to us lady waiters back of the table, for Miss Hall & Wellington & several others cheered right heartily. About 700 tickets were sold, & the receipts were about \$150. Every one seemed happy. An Baptist gentleman gave \$5, for his ticket. The Baptist minister from Roxbury was also there & addressed us. The East Boston ladies

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I will not give you permission to use your books & have just purchased Robinson's Bibles. I will give you a copy of the Bibles of Christmas & find your books valuable assistants. Mr. Chener is in the city & we occasionally have a little discussion. A good man. Well, I hope.

Dear Pastor.

Card Boston June 15. 43

Again Mrs Tryon wishes me to write you, & I really begin to feel quite honored with writing to a Ben in England. Inasmuch as these are my first attempts ^{or rather amanuensis} as Secretary you will please as the books say, "pardon errors, & excuse mistakes". Your letter was indeed cheering, & I need not say every one was anxious to hear, & delighted to receive such good news from their absent Pastor. I met Mrs Whiton the next morning in the boat, & he said, "Miss Robinson I am glad to meet you, I wanted to see you all day yesterday". I had scarce time to think why? when he added, "What did Mrs Phelps write? & was much gratified to hear of your improved health. We are all here about as usual. Lucy left with her aunt for Castine three weeks last Monday. She had been quite well until a few ^{days} weeks before she left when a swelling came upon the right side of the lower part of her face. Dr Hale saw it & thought it would form an abscess but said there would be no risk in her going. Last Thursday Mrs Jellison heard from them

I am well quite well of my permission to use your books & have spent some time in reading them. I have also written a little on the subject of the Bridgeway of Christian. I find your books valuable assistants. Mrs. Thayer is in the class & we occasionally have a little discussion. Ag. Ph. Am. B. B. C. S.

Rev. N. E. Johnson & others
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Rev & dear Brother

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I write last although I come first. I suppose Miss Robinson has given all necessary attention to East Boston news. For me, I have much to do, in my studies and operations for the Evangelist. We were a little disappointed in the action of our Assembly. They discussed the subject of slavery about three days with uncommon dignity and courtesy. I think they might have united upon resolutions a little milder - as it was the Abolition brethren although in a majority. They thought it best not to press the subject at present - and therefore it will be deferred - until another time when they mean to bring it up again. The discussion was valuable I think and contributed to advance the subject decidedly.

Your people have subscribed for twelve Evangelists - and are looking for your letters with interest - I am rather desirous if a good opening occurs to remain permanently in Boston. They invited me to come to Wrentham, as a colleague with Lotte Fisher, but I concluded I could not do that and yet retain my connection with the Evangelist. So I declined -

Yours aff.
N. E. Johnson