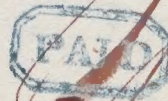




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Rev. Amos A. Phelps

Boston Ms. —

just the right man to lead us
on - one that loves our principles
& is willing to cast in his lot with
us for real or no -

Now, dear Sir - after what I have said,
do you think you can help us? Do
you know anyone who, in your judg-
ment, will answer to our wants?

Please write me an answer as
soon as practicable, as we are on
the look out -

Yours in Christian Affection
W. C. Bradley

Rev. A. A. Phelps

P.S. Your known & long tried
attachment to the cause
in which we are engaged is
my only apology for troubling
you with this communication -

W. C. B. -

in disguise, or he will be drawn into a whirlpool by the crafty "as-much-abolitionists-as-anybody" that will surround him —

He should be willing to labor, for the first year, for a support, & have confidence enough in his principles, in his own ability to defend them, & in the blessing of God upon them, to believe that there will be no lack of support, to such a church, with such a pastor, when once it becomes fully known. —

For such a man I know of no field so promising as this, both for establishing a reputation as a successful minister of the gospel, & for directly glorifying God in the promotion of his cause —

The material of which the church is composed is "stern stuff". Nothing but a conviction of error will ever drive them from their position. God has given us most evident tokens of his approbation, & has owned & blessed our labors beyond our expectations — All we seem to want, now is,

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Rev^d & Dear Sir—

W. C. Bradley

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With this, you will receive two documents pertaining to the "First Free Church of Phil^a," a periodical of which will inform you of the origin & character of that church; sufficient at least for my present purpose— which is to inquire if you know any one whom you would be willing to recommend to such a church in such a place—

To be the right kind of a man, he should first of all possess deep toned piety, that he may always have his hold firm on God, or he will give way & sink under the discouragements that will meet him—

He should be, physically, & mentally, a "strong man", & thoroughly educated that he may be able to cope with the intellectual giants that flock to this "theological emporium"—

He should be a thorough going moral reform man, not excepting the subject of slavery— On that point there must be no flinching—

He should be of sound judgment; able to read human nature in