

time awake, half the night reflecting on the atrocious
exhibitions, in its various bearings. — In the hope
of a better understanding of the matter I will read
your book.

Very truly & respectfully

Your friend,

L. M. Sargeant

Rev. Amos A. Phelps.

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Rev. & dear sir,

I return you my respectful acknowledgments for the copy, which ^{you} have kindly sent me, of your lectures on slavery. I shall proceed to read them without delay & with the greatest attention.

I am delighted to receive a work upon this exciting subject from a disciple of Jesus Christ; for I frankly avow to you, that I have read some of the immediate emancipation productions, with unmeasured & unmingled regret & disgust. I can easily sympathize with Paul & Apollos, in all their Christian differences; but it is deeply to be deplored, that professing Christians, pursuing the same high & holy end, by different means, should so readily give up the pledge of common country to infidelity & barbarism.

It is of little importance what are the sentiments of so humble an individual as myself. I have, on more than one occasion, declined the invitation of the Col. society to address their assemblies, upon the honest & only ground of my ignorance in this great matter. I have read & thought upon the subject, with some care. It is a tremendous theme. Rock water is not clearer than the abstract principle. I have been in a land of slaves; I have attended a slave sale; & I have