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Boston, Jan. 2, 1849.

My Dear Friend:

I think I have forfeited the opportunity extended to me, in behalf of your Association by yourself, some time ago, to lecture before the Association, by my unintentional neglect to answer your kind letter. But, it seems, by your letter of the 31st, you have not struck me off (as you would certainly have been justified in doing) from the list of lecturers; and you now write to know whether I can be with you on the evening of the 29th inst. As I am to go to Maine next week, and as the annual meeting of the Massachusetts A. S. Society will be near the time you have specified, I should prefer the evening of Feb. 5th or 12th, though I should be sorry to incommode either Mr. Parker or Mr. Emerson. But as I suppose those gentlemen have their lectures already prepared, and as I have yet to prepare mine, I trust it will be more convenient for one of them to lecture for you on the 29th than myself. I will, however, try to complete my lecture in season for the 29th, so that, in case of a pinch, you may not be disappointed. Yet secure me the 5th or 12th of February, if you can. My subject will be "The Rights of Woman."

Yours, for a happy new year,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

