

Leicester,
October 23/78.

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Dear friend Garrison;

I am greatly obliged to you for the Boston & Newb^t. papers, giving accounts of your recent birth-day, &c. and also your full notice of George Thompson, of which I had read, with great satisfaction, the considerable portion given in the "Advertiser".

How is it that you "stand" so well so much brain-work, with type-setting, &c. in addition? A good sign, of which I am exceedingly glad.

I suppose you are still considering the best manner of paying our tribute to George Thompson. Boston, of course, is the place for it. For the day, a Sunday would have many ^{obvious} advantages, but would exclude the bulk of out-of-town friends who would, doubtless, wish to ~~participate~~ ^{attend}. It seems to me probable that the 28th Society would grant their

building free. Very likely J. H. Clarke's Church could be had for such a Commemorative Service on a "week-day." Thus it would be comparatively inexpensive. Still, it might be better to have a more central place than either of the above, Hortie^L Hall being the best for situation, tho' the "28th" is not badly situated.

Having passed the Anniv. of the Boston Mob, which would seem to be a suitable day on some acct's, we are, as we had better be, entirely free to make a day the most generally convenient. And I think I should either take a day soon after the Nov^r. election, or wait until after Jan. 1st. But perhaps you are not finding the way open for any such public meeting? Still, I hope it won't be given up. I think it would bring together, if advertised fully & for ^a "good time

beforehand, more of the old
anti-slavery workers than we perhaps
suppose. I know that many such
are desiring such a gathering - one
more at least on earth - where the
old cause, in its spirit & memories,
may be revived, and they themselves,
verging tow'rd life's close, may
strike hands one more, and say
Hail, and farewell.

I hope that Mr. Hays means
"to go to the very verge of his power"
to protect the citizens of So Carolina
from violence in the discharge of
their ordinary duties as citizens.
Things look very bad there now, and
no party, or set of men, can afford
to be indifferent on the subject.

Most truly Yrs,

Lewis May,

