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Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 29 March, 1859.

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Dear Garrison,

I enclose, at Mr. May's request, a slip which he wishes you to insert in the Liberator.

Dr. Cheever, <sup>in</sup> my last interview with him, said he saw little prospect of our getting the use of his Church. He expressed his very deep regret, and talked more earnestly and plainly than he had ever done before of the rottenness of the Church & Ministry. I cannot help thinking that he is pretty sure, ere long, to strike hands openly with us.

I have put in an application for Chapin's Church, which

will be acted upon at a regular meeting of the Trustees on Friday evening next. The result is doubtful. Of the other places spoken of, there is not one that I like, or that is exactly suitable, and I am by no means sure what is best to be done. Last night I was at the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, corner of Prince & Marion streets, to witness the presentation of a watch to Mr. Giddings, <sup>of the colored people.</sup> It is a neat and well-lighted edifice, and will accommodate more people than either Dodworth's or Mozart Hall. The location is not bad, being just round the corner from the Metropolitan Hotel, and ~~at~~ hardly more than a stone's-throw from Broadway. I am not sure but it would, on the whole, be the best

place for us, if Chapin's Trustees say  
nay. What do you say? I take  
for granted we can get it by  
asking, but I may be mistaken.  
H. H. Garnett is the minister, and  
I judge he is quite friendly to us.  
Pray consider whether it would  
not be a good card to ask him  
to speak for us. He is an admir-  
able speaker, & I don't now remember  
that he ever did any mean thing to  
make it impossible for us to ask  
him. He made a capital speech  
last night in presenting the watch  
to Giddings, and alluded to you in  
terms of generous appreciation.  
The more I have thought of it, the  
more have I felt inclined to think  
it would be well to ask him. Pray  
write me at once, you or May,  
on these two points—the expediency

of applying for his church and  
asking him to speak. We might  
do the last and not the first, or  
the first and not the last.

I have hoped to hear from  
you ere now in reply to former  
letters, but I suppose you have  
been too much engaged to write.  
Don't forget that the people at  
Eagleswood expect you to visit  
them when next you come to  
New York. Will you go there the  
Sunday before or the Sunday  
after Anniversaries?

Yours, faithfully,  
Oliver Johnson