

From Oliver Johnson.

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Dear Garrison:

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Did I mention to you our proposal to change the publication day of the Standard from Thursday to Saturday? There are two ^{or three} reasons for this. First—My health will require me during the summer to make frequent excursions into the country, for social intercourse and ^{natural} fresh air. The time to go will be Saturday, returning on Monday. People will then be most at leisure, and I can sometimes comply with demands for lectures. While Thursday is publication day, the printers will come on Monday morning for a large installment of copy, and with the outside proofs Sunday ~~stands~~ stands in such close proximity to the day ^{for} making ready for the press (Tuesday) that, even if I refrain from working, I must

yet feel an irksome responsibility inconsistent with all ideas of healthful recreation. — Secondly — We have agreed that the Observer folks shall have our mailing room on Wednesday, this being the best arrangement we were able to make to secure the room at other times. Wednesday must be ~~the~~ ^{our} mailing day while we publish on Thursday, but if we change the day as proposed the difficulty will be removed. Thirdly — The printers tell us that the change will promote their convenience.

It seemed to me that on such a point the Committee would leave Mr. Gay and myself to do as we pleased, but Mr. G. ~~does not~~ fears to make the change without consulting them. I talked with Mr. Quincy about

it, and he thought it would
be well to write to you on
the subject, allowing you to judge
whether it were worth while
to call the Committee together
to consider the matter. Of course
we want to make the change
next week, ^{upon} ~~at~~ the commence-
ment of the new volume. I
think we shall venture to do it
unless we ^{get a veto} ~~hear~~ from the Com-
mittee before the close of the pre-
sent week. Tell me if you think
this will be an undue exercise
of authority.

Mr. ~~Wright~~ has the "fullos,"
and what is to happen I'm sure
I don't know. He has ordered the
printer to ~~erase~~ strike his name
from the list of officers, ~~but~~ as
~~soon~~ well from the Committee
as from the Secretaryship. Mr.
Quincy spent the day with him

yesterday, ~~with~~ ^{to} what result I shall know when he comes up to day. "Henry Ward

Beecher preached a great sermon yesterday - all about reforms and reformers - suggested, avowedly, by the scenes of anniversary week. It is a great pity that you did not stop to hear him. I wish it were possible for me to give you a sketch, but I might as well attempt to report thunder and lightning. At the close, he spoke of his attendance at our anniversary, and of his speaking there, not apologetically, but manfully. He spoke of you by name as "a man, who, ~~had~~ for twenty years, in the midst of obloquy and reproach, and at the sacrifice of worldly ambition, had stood - and stood like a pyramid, for a great moral principle." He then asked, "How many of you