

Boston, Sept. 10, 1842.

Dear George:

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Most heartily do I congratulate you on the gift of a fine boy, to supply the vacant place of your departed little one, Eliza Davis; and happy am I to hear that Catherine has succeeded so well on the cold water, tea-total, Washingtonian plan. And now, in return, let me say, yesterday forenoon dear Helen presented me, for the fourth time, with a noble boy, "a little superior to any thing before him," possibly. He weighed about 10 lbs., and, of course, in that particular, must take the precedence of yours. It is a happy coincidence of births, united as we are by the most tender and endearing ties of life. Helen has never before had so comfortable a time. At 7 o'clock, she was well at the breakfast table; at 8 o'clock, her pains began to come on slightly; at 9, bro. Johnson (who, with his wife, and James Boyce, happened to be with us) got into the omnibus, and went to Boston for Mrs. Alexander; at 10 Mrs. A. arrived at the house; and at 11, A. M. the babe was born! This was quick work, and seemed almost like a dream. Helen remains in a very comfortable state, and she has a most excellent nurse, who came very promptly as soon as she was sent for.

We are somewhat disappointed that the babe proves to be a boy, and yet, I trust, none the less thankful. We have not yet given him a name, but shall probably call him either Charles Follen or Francis Jackson. Which shall it be?

I am much obliged to you for sending me the account of the slave case, and will make use of it in the next Liberator.

Will not my Quaker friends think I have given them a severe dose in yesterday's paper?

Elias Smith has started on his mission to Maine. I hope he will succeed, but it is doubtful. His wife is not yet confined.

Bro. James continues very feeble, and looks very much emaciated. His cough does not seem to trouble him a great deal, but his lungs are probably incurable.

I write in great haste. All the family, of course, are delighted to hear the good news from Northampton, and desire me to send their congratulations to you and Catherine.

Yours, affectionately,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

N. B. Henry Williams says Butt, of Butts, has paid \$3.00 on your acct. The money waits your order.

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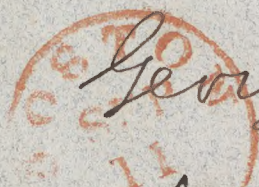
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