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William Lloyd Garrison, Esqr
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Dear Sir—

Your kind invitation to me to be present at the Third Decade of the American Anti Slavery Society, was duly received, for which please receive my thanks.

I have hoped to be present on the occasion so deeply interesting to those of us who, thirty years ago, under circumstances of great solemnity, adopted the memorable Declaration of Sentiments and purpose, (drawn by your own hand), and consecrated ourselves to the work of securing, under Divine Providence, the Liberty of the Millions of our Colored brethren in this land under the most terrible bondage known upon Earth.

Find it impossible for me to be present on the first day of the Convocation, and at this late hour I can but feebly hope that I may be with you on Friday, such is the pressure of duty here, they with connected with the Cause among the Freedmen, at many points.

May the season, be to all one of

precious remembrances, devout thanksgiving and the most earnest renewal of purpose and effort for the complete extirpation of Slavery and thereby the overthrow of the Rebellion; the salvation of the Country, and the relief, instruction, and perfected elevation and blessing of the millions rushing from the House of Bondage now opened by the God of the Oppressed who has "made bare his arm" for their deliverance.

I have the utmost confidence that the decree of freedom for three millions of the enslaved in the Rebel States, by President Lincoln, will never be revoked, but that the Proclamation of Liberty "to all the inhabitants of the land" is early in order. But the Hydra headed monster will struggle to the death; and the object contemplated by the meeting, and the Society, to move the whole people, and through them the Government to the issue; together with every possible labor of all the friends of God and Humanity will all be demanded, with judgements and deportance, ere the desired limits will be attained.

But with gratitude courage and joy let us still "keep the battle to the gate." May the Divine favor attend your deliberations, and crown the doings of the Convention with untold blessings upon the oppressed and their benefactors.

Truly Yours
S. S. Jocelyn

P.S. I was 64 years of age 21st November just passed & mention this as requested of signers of the Declaration

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