

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1854.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

"A merry Christmas"  
to you and yours.

The "article" of which you spoke, to be put at the bottom of the Festival notice, was not enclosed, and the Abington proceedings have never come. In such cases it is better not to send the paper, but to cut out and enclose the article. Newspapers, not sent from the office of publication, are particularly liable to be lost.

I confess to some disap-

pointment in what you say about  
the prospect for funds. I was  
hoping late events would bring  
grist, in shape of cash, to our mill.  
But, in reflection, I see why it <sup>may</sup> not  
be so.

I was not here when Cheever  
and Phillips stood on the plat-  
form together, but from what  
Cheever has <sup>since</sup> said to me I have  
a right to infer that he was  
more than glad of an oppor-  
tunity for such fellowship. And,  
by the way, Cheever's brother and  
one or two of his friends have  
incidentally said in my hearing  
that he will be ready enough

to speak before our Society next  
Spring. Wait and see.

Yours, truly,

J. Johnson.

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