

Boston, April 16, 1837.

My dear Brother:

I am most heartily obliged to you for your frequent letters and communications. Not only are they satisfactory to me, but widely beneficial to the anti-slavery cause. Your affecting account of the arrest and trial of poor Dixon has come safely to hand, and shall be published in Saturday's Liberator. It is an atrocious case. There really does not seem to be any more protection for the liberty of our free colored brethren and sisters in New-York than in New-Orleans:—nay, I doubt whether half as many attempts at kidnapping are made in the latter as in the former city. The brutal monsters at the South cannot desire a more stony-hearted, corrupt and violent magistracy than exists in the Commercial Emporium. † The "Plaindealer" says that Justice Bloodgood, while fulminating the anathemas of justice from the bench, had on the table before him a pair of enormous pistols, which he frequently flourished in illustration of his discourse!!—and that, "among many other similar ferocities of speech, he frequently expressed his regret that he had neglected to take his percussion caps with him into the Park, as he should have liked no better sport than to shoot a half a dozen of the damned niggers, and send them to hell!" What a judicial monster!

It is a great disappointment to me to hear that dear bro. Weld will be absent from New-York during the anniversary week. We need the aid of his sagacious, far-reaching, active mind on that occasion: yet I grant that the preservation of his health and life is of more consequence. May he obtain a speedy restoration, and be more provident of his bodily energies in time to come! I long to know that he has embraced our ultra pacific views, and is ready to stand boldly forth in their defence. You cheer

my heart by the information that our beloved sisters, Sarah and Angelina C. Grimké, are now satisfied that the followers of Him, who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, and when nailed to the cross exclaimed respecting his murderous enemies, "Father, forgive them they know not what they do!"—are not authorised to combine together in order to lacerate, sue, imprison, or hang their enemies, nor even as individuals to resort to physical force to break down the heart of an adversary. And, surely, if they cannot do these things as a body, or in their private capacity, they have no right to join with the ungodly in doing them. The remedy, however, will not be found in any thing short of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Human governments will remain in violent existence, as long as men are resolved not to bear the cross of Christ, and to be crucified unto the world. But in the Kingdom of God's dear Son, holiness and love are the only magistracy. It has no swords, for they are beaten into plough-shares—no spears, for they are changed into pruning-hooks—no military academy, for the saints cannot learn war any more—no gibbet, for life is regarded as inviolate—no jails, for all are free. And that Kingdom is to be established upon the earth for the time is predicted when the Kingdoms of this world will have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

When they visit us in this quarter, we shall give those excellent women a welcome reception. You may tell them that the "Friends" in New-England are fast ceasing to be abolitionists ex officio, and are becoming such in spirit and in truth.

I shall endeavor—*Deo volente*—to be in New-York the week preceding the anniversary meeting. If we can find time we will then freely interchange our religious views. My own are simple, but they make havoc of all sects, and rites, and ordinances of the priesthood of every name and order. Let me utter a startling assertion in your ear—There is nothing more offensive to the religionists of the day, than practical holiness and the doctrine, that total abstinence from sin, in this life, is not ^{only} commanded but necessarily attainable, they hate with a perfect hatred, and stigmatize entire

freedom from sin as a delusion of the devil! — Nevertheless, "he that is born of God cannot commit sin" — "he that committeth sin is of the devil." "How shall we who are dead to sin live any longer therein?" "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death." "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." "For by one offering he hath forever perfected them who are sanctified." "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature."

I have many things to say to you, but no time now. — What anxiety, and distress, and confusion, among bankers, and brokers, and merchants, and speculators, at the present time! — I pity all those who have not treasures laid up in heaven. — O the emptiness of this sin-stricken world!

This is the spring of the year — but my affection for you is ripe with the fruits of autumn.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, abide with you forever.

Yours, in holy bonds,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

A. B. The Vermont Chronicle, New-York Observer, and Leonard Bacon in the New-Haven Religious Intelligencer, are out upon certain articles of yours in the Liberator. They are "out" in a double sense — out in their columns, and out of their minds.

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