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My Dear Friend,

As the time  
for the Commemorative Meet-  
ing; the last Meeting of the  
American Anti-Slavery Society,  
draws nigh, I cannot forbear  
writing to you, to say that  
I, and many others among your  
friends and fellow-workers in the  
grand old cause, earnestly desire  
your presence there. We have hoped  
that you would feel inclined to  
respond to the invitation to all  
friends of the cause, by coming to  
the Meeting and mingling with  
us in its exercises.

How sadly I have missed you  
from all our Meetings, since 1865;  
how painfully I shall feel your  
absence at our Meeting on next

Saturday, if you are, at that time, absent, I cannot tell you; nor is it important that I should.

Whatever differences there may have been, or may be, among us, there is so much that we hold in common, that for one, I earnestly wish that we might all forget, for a day at least, those differences; and unite our hearts and voices in rejoicing and thanksgiving over the enfranchisement of the colored man, now made politically equal with the white man.

Please give my love to Mrs. Garrison. The reason that I have let so long a time elapse without writing to her, is that I have been sick during a part of the winter, and when well enough to do anything, have been very busily occupied. I never wait

for a letter from her; though always glad to receive one. I know that her absent relatives have a greater claim on her, for letters, than I have; and I suppose that writing is rather fatiguing to her.

Margaret joins with me in love to all the family.

Cordially, Your friend,  
Mary Grew.

Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

