

Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 18 May, 1865.

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My dear Garrison,

I sit down ~~for~~ to write you for the last time from this office. The last number of the Standard under my management has just gone to the press. Twenty of its twenty-four columns are filled with the proceedings of the Annual Meeting; the remainder with my valedictory, a Protest from Mr. May, and a letter from Mary Grew. Three columns or more of proceedings stand over for next week.

I never felt more deeply the need of good counsel than while

writing my valedictory. As I was obli-
ged to speak not alone for myself, but
to a certain extent for others, I would
have given a \$10 greenback if I could
have submitted what I wrote to
you before printing. But that was
impossible, and I have done the best
I could in the circumstances. I hope
I have made a statement which
you and my friends generally ~~can~~
will regard as judicious and fair,
and which you can honestly de-
fend, if there shall be need of defence.
I am very sure that, as respects the
party which has revolutionized the
Society and its organ, I have un-
derstated, rather than overstated the
truth; and I hope the exposé bears
no evidence of a bad spirit, for I
have tried hard to keep down every

unworthy feeling and sentiment. I feel
sure that what I have said will
have influence with a considerable
number of the readers of the paper, if
not with the majority.

The more I reflect upon the
subject, the deeper grows my con-
viction that the course of M. P. is
disgraceful to himself, and that it
will recoil upon him ere long. What
a shame that he should put himself
at the head of the ~~the~~ clique that has
so long waged an insidious and veno-
mous war upon you! In reading
the proof of one of his speeches last
night, I came upon a passage which
I somehow failed to hear in the deli-
very, ~~but~~ and which astonished me
beyond measure, and I am sure
it will equally astonish you.
You will see my comments in

a foot note. Let me ask your particular attention to this, ~~which~~ for of all the charges of Phillips against the Standard I think this the falsest and meanest. If I had met the statements he makes in the Herald or Boston Courier, I should have branded them with an epithet which of course I cannot apply to Mr. Phillips, but which I almost think he deserves.

As the bundle may be behind, I ~~send~~ enclose my recdictory.

Yours, lovingly,

Oliver Johnson.