

Independent Office,
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My Dear Garrison,

I have great pleasure
in sending you \$10 for your article
in this week's Independent; and I
will add that I hope to have
such pleasure very often in time
to come. I congratulate you that
you are so far recovered from
the lamentable effects of last winter's
accident ~~that~~ as to be able to use
your pen.

I am working like a beaver,
but I have not been so well for
years as I am at this moment.
I owe my improved condition to
animal magnetism, applied by
Mrs. Tower, and her partner, D. S.

Dusenberry. Three times a week
since the first of September, have
I had ~~the~~ ^{the} treatment, and all the
time I have been getting stronger.
I hope ere long to recover entirely
from a trouble of the throat—
the effect of many years of con-
tinuous over-exertion— which had
begun to be very serious, threatening
chronic asthma. Such rubbings as
I get! They send the blood to my
very toes and give me a sense of
vigor that I have not felt before
for years.

Mary Anne is standing the winter
pretty well for her. Mrs. Savin, I
am sorry to say, is not well. Her
cures are too heavy for her, and
she is unwilling to confess, even to herself,
that there is any amount of work
too great for her to undertake.

Dec. 28th, there was a gath-
ering of beloved friends at our

house to celebrate my birthday. It
was a joyous occasion, I assure
you. How I wish you and Helen
could have been with us. I enclose
a poem which was read on the
occasion, and which I understand is
to appear shortly in the Tribune.

My love to Helen; and be-
lieve me, my dear Garrison,

Your devoted friend,

Oliver Johnson.

G. L. V.
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