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Independent Office,

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My Dear Garrison,

Yours by George came duly to hand, and I thank you for it. The proceedings of our meeting will be out in a few days, when I will send you a copy, that you may see what we did. Neither Purvis, Edward Davis, Anna Dickinson, nor Alfred Love were present. Alfred Love sent a testimony on peace, which, like all that he writes, was an incoherent jumble of words; but we made it the basis of what the meeting adopted. Mr. Potter



preached two discourses (one of them on Sunday), and spoke on the Religious testimony to general acceptance. His spirit is excellent, his culture manifest in all that he says; but he lacks, like many others of our Radical preachers, that magnetic force and presence which brings an audience into the fullest sympathy with a speaker.

I was sorry not to be able to go to the Peace Jubilee. I am glad it proved such a complete success. Of course, I suppose that such a crowd of singers and players cannot be brought into such <sup>complete</sup> harmony as may be produced on a smaller scale; but it does seem to me that some of the critics (including Mr. Hassard, who



"did" the affairs for the Independent) are hyper-critical.

I am glad my photograph pleases you, and shall be more glad to get a fresh one of yourself. Mrs. Johnson has not had a picture taken of herself for many years, and the latest were utter failures. She has been wanting to get in better health, but I hope to prevail upon her to sit again before long. Nothing but bad weather prevented her from doing so before she went west. My last letter from her was written at the home of Joseph and Ruth Deydale, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Her journey had been very pleasant and prosperous, and attended with very little fatigue. She is very enthusiastic in her account of the



Western country. By the end of  
the present week she will be  
with her sister, whom she has not  
seen for twenty years. I hope the  
change of climate and scene  
will work favorably upon her  
constitution.

I expect to go to Peabham,  
with Mr. Richards, to spend the  
fourth of July with my brother,  
who has sold his farm and  
now lives at the village. Mr. Richards  
purposes to make some sketches  
for a picture for me of the scenery  
of my native town.

I do not yet know when  
I shall go to Ohio, to meet Mary  
Anne on her return from Iowa;  
but probably not before August.

I will furnish half a dozen  
copies of this week's Independent to  
George for you. With love for Helen & Frank,  
I am, yours, as ever, Oliver Johnson.