

90 East 12th St.,
New York, 7 May, 1866.

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My Dear Garrison,

On this evening of the day preceding that so long observed as the anniversary of the American A. S. Society, I am irresistibly reminded of you; for at this time, in former years, I used to meet you at the railway station and welcome you to New York. As the Freedmen's and Union Commission (unfortunately, as I think) is to hold no anniversary this week, I presume you will not be here; and so I sit down to write you a brief letter, for the sake of telling you once more how ^{delicious} ~~desires~~ I am that you may find it practicable to come to the Yearly Meeting at Longwood. I know, of course, that you will be glad to come if you

can; but I have feared, and still fear,
that you may be hindered by your
unfortunate lameness, or by some
pressing duty to be done at home.
Still, I cherish fondly the hope that
you will come, in company with our
dearly beloved Thompson. Our friends
generally are anxious to have your
presence and aid, and I have as-
sured them that I will present
the case as strongly as I know how
to do. They will most cheerfully pay
all the expenses of the journey.

I shall write to Mr. Thompson
to-night, and I hope that nothing will
occur to prevent his attendance.
If you and he come together, the
understanding is that you are to
be entertained by our beloved friends,
Chandler & Hannah Dabington, whose
house is the pleasantest, ^{and quietest,} perhaps,
in all the region, and who will have
plenty of room for you, as they do

not, like some others, entertain ^a ~~the~~ crowd.

If you see a prospect of being able to come, please let me know at once, that I may advertise you; and if, on the contrary, you are unable to accept our invitation, ~~we~~ ^{we} are not the less anxious to hear from you soon.

Mary Anne is quite ill with a cold. She came home from Longwood a few days since, having gained strength from her visit there, but she is now prostrate. I hope, however, that she will be better in a few days. She joins me in love to you and Helen and the other members of your household.

What sort of an anniversary Phillips, Pillsbury & Co. will have to-morrow I do not know. Their treasury is nearly empty, however, and I hear that Susan Anthony and some others are for changing

the name of the organization so
as to include woman's rights. They
have a census to-night, I under-
stand, to settle the platform on
which they will stand to-morrow.

Yours, affectionately,

Oliver Johnson

Our meeting commenced on
the first Thursday of June - the 7th.
You would have to leave home,
therefore, on ^{the} Tuesday morning or
evening preceding that day.