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Phil^a Oct 26th

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My dear Garrison

My hurried letter to you
the other day concerning the
Decade was written more
at Mr. May's instance than at
my own, and was intended
mainly to fit your mind at
work on a programme for that
occasion. I now wish to
say something more, and to do
it - more deliberately.

L. E. M. Davis and I are a
sub-committee of our Com^{tee} to
cooperate with a sub-com^{tee}
to be appointed by your Board
- if that should be your pleas-
ure - in making all needed

preparations for the meeting.

2 In pursuance of our appointment - we have en-
sured, & had for in part - in advance, the best and
largest building in the city - Circuit Hall.

3. Our Committee (Executive) have advised us that
in their judgment there should be two sessions
a day; and those from 10 a m till 2 P. M.; &
from 7 to 10 P. M.

4. They have further expressed the opinion, for our
guidance, that a circular should be issued, in-
volving leading & well known members or
friends of the American anti-slavery cause
to come to the meeting

on this for I have spoken by the
card. Now after a good deal
of talk, since the adoption of the
Course of the above conclu-
sions - talk with R. Purvis,
Oliver Johnson, L. Mott, J. Mott,
and perhaps others, I would
say that so far as I can judge,
there is a desire that as far
as possible by-fines should
be by-fines, and that all the
original members of the
Society, who have maintained
their anti-slavery integrity, should
be included in the invitation
to attend.

Our talk will be of the ori-
gin of the Society. The Convention
that organized it stands deeply
etched on my memory in its
effaceable character. Benish
Green was President; on each
side

were the secretaries - John L. Winton & Lewis Tappan.
I see Tappan was standing on the platform delivering a
flowing oration in praise - an Eulogium that
was brought to an abrupt period by your entrance
from the Committee room. I consider it due to
ourselves and due to the fact of history that we should
find a copy of the Circular - inviting the "members
being and friends" of the Am. Association from L.
Winton & Lewis Tappan, if they do not choose to come, they will
be self-excluded.

I am exceedingly desirous that our meeting
should be one of dignity, earnestness and power. Our
representative men & women should be present from
all parts the country. I have no fears as to the