

Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 20 Jan., 1860.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

Pray accept my thanks, and those of Mrs. Johnson as well, for the invitation to attend the National Anti-Slavery Subscription Anniversary, at the Music Hall, Boston, on Wednesday next. It is a great pleasure to me, at any time, to go to Massachusetts, to shake the hands and look into the faces of ~~the~~ ~~retirees~~ those noble veterans in our cause whose unwavering fidelity commands ~~for them~~ not only my admiration and gratitude, but my reverence; and ~~see~~ it would be especially pleasant ^{to} visit Boston upon an occasion so interesting, ^{and important} as that referred to in your invitation, to renew acquaintance with friends and associates of former years,

to be warmed and inspired by the eloquence of Garrison, Phillips, and others, and to see hundreds, if not thousands, of those who love Freedom come to lay their gifts upon her altar and to renew their vows of eternal fidelity to her cause. Pressing duties at home, however, compel me to forego the pleasure of such a visit at this time.

The enclosed contribution, ~~is very small~~, whether measured by the claims of the cause or by my desire to serve it, is small; but it is given cheerfully from a lean purse, and therefore I ~~hope~~ venture to hope that, ~~it~~ with all the other gifts that may flow into your treasury next week, it may be "twice blest."

Yours, to the end of the conflict,
Oliver Johnson.

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