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Boston, Nov. 9, 1863.

Dear friend Love:

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> full of kindness and proffered hospitality - is received, for which accept my thanks.

Our Decade anniversary is to come off on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - You enquire whether I would be willing to deliver a lecture on some previous evening. I will most cheerfully do so, provided the following arrangement can be made as to time; and provided, moreover, on consultation with our friend Miller McKim, you find he sees no good reasons for not having the lecture given, for I should like to be somewhat guided by his judgment: - Thus - I

could leave Boston on Monday morning, Nov. 30th, and spend the night in New York; next morning, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, leave for Philadelphia, and give the desired lecture that evening, or the next.

I should prefer - other things being equal - to speak on Tuesday evening, because we shall probably want Wednesday evening for a consultation meeting of friends to arrange matters for the Decade Commemoration. Should the lecture be given, (the state of the country, of course, must be my theme, hardly anything else at present interesting a popular audience,) it would be a good opportunity to advertise the Decade meetings of Thursday and Friday, in a comprehensive manner and to the right people.

¶ In case I should speak, I will accept your proffered Hospitality for a day or ~~or~~ two; but, during the Decade meetings, I have already accepted the hospitable overtures of our friends, the McKinis.

It will give me pleasure to make the personal acquaintance of your friend Leonard Myers.

The approaching session of Congress, I trust, will give the death-blow to slavery universally.

I congratulate you and your dear wife on the new infantile acquisition to your family circle since I was last met you.

"John Brown Love", may your soul ever be "marching on," bravely and lovingly!

I shall be interested to read your written statement, when prepared, relative to your being

drafted, and declining to pay  
the \$300 commutative alternative.  
I think the money can be paid  
without any compromise of the  
peace or non-resistance principles,  
but if you do not, (and in a matter  
like this, everyone will do well, and  
best, to be fully persuaded in his  
own mind,) you must be true to  
your own convictions.

As soon as you decide upon  
the lecture, pro or con, please let  
me hear from you.

Give my warmest regards to your  
wife and family, and to your  
parents.

Yours, fraternally,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Alfred H. Love.