

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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Dear Frank,

Thank you for your letter. I am glad you and your father liked my reply to Dr. Bacon. I meant to spike his quills. In the whole Protestant Church there is no more swarming old Jesuits than he. I do not think your father needs any further indication in the Christian Union, and should not like to print a formal and controversial reply from him to Dr. Bacon; but I should be glad if, in a quiet way, he would take occasion, from what has appeared in the Christian Union relating to himself and the early days, to explain his attitude, and that of his associates, to our readers, and show how the anti-slavery movement was a vin-

denunciation of Christianity against those who  
were betraying it. Incidentally it would  
be a most effective reply to Dr. Baer,  
through not that in form.

I will do my best to hunt up  
the photographs you seek, but cannot  
promise you more than my own.

It is my intention, if life is spared  
to complete my sketches.

Mrs. Johnson and myself are  
remarkably well, and baby is in perfect  
health, and as happy a little person  
you ever saw.

With love to all the household  
and kindred, I am

Yours, lovingly,

Oliver Johnson.

New York, Feb. 2, 1875

My Dear Garrison,

I think the Christian Union would be bound to print any fair reply to Dr. Bacon's attack upon you <sup>that</sup> you may <sup>think</sup> it needful to write. But, as I ~~had~~ <sup>have</sup> already said in a letter to Frank, written before yours was received, I should prefer to have you make Dr. Bacon the occurrence rather than the subject of an article. My chief might think, possibly, that the controversy being primarily between Dr. Bacon and myself, had gone far enough; but I am sure he would recognize the propriety of giving you a hearing, on general grounds,

in behalf of the movement which began  
with you. I don't believe Dr. Bacon  
will peep again, but I may be mis-  
taken. He's a cunning old fox, and I  
took special pleasure in answering  
him. I hope you will write if  
you feel moved, and of course  
without restriction from me. Never-  
theless, I venture to suggest that  
your article, <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ have all the more  
weight, if, while finding its occasion  
in what Dr. Bacon has said, it does  
not take the shape of a formal reply  
to him. You shall be paid for any-  
thing you may choose to send about  
the origin and spirit of the Anti-Slavery  
movement. Indeed nothing would please  
me better than to give you a hearing  
on that subject.

Yours, affectionately,

Oliver Johnson.