

Anti-Slavery Office,
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Dear Garrison:

We fear that you may find the writing of a ~~letter~~ lecture a burden, too irksome to be borne, induces me to say that if, upon trial, such should prove to be the case, and your own judgment should tell you that you can do yourself and the cause better justice in an extemporaneous speech, then don't feel yourself shut up to the necessity of writing merely to gratify us. But for the desire to publish your lectures, and the

Mr. Furman preached grandly to a fine audience yesterday.
We are expecting a good lecture from him.

idea that it would be more compact and better rounded out, if written beforehand, I should prefer to have you speak extemporaneously. We thought it would be better to pay you for writing than to be at the expense of hiring a reporter. And besides, we did not know that an ~~spoken~~ un-written speech, ^{even if more} ~~would be~~ ^{impressive} upon the audience than a written one, would be just the sort for a pamphlet; while we were perfectly sure that if you should write with the thought of publication before you, you could not fail. But we don't want

I open this letter, to tell you
a bit of news, viz: That Ward
Becher & John Mitchell are
at this moment holding
a private interview! They
were brought together by
Mr. Maxwell, an anti-
slavery man, who thinks
Mitchell has, after all, a
soul worth saving, and that
Becher can find it if any-

body came. Beecher was
willing to see him, and
he was not unwilling to see
Beecher. Mitchell's mother
& sister belong to Mr. Long-
fellow's Society (2d Unitarian)
in Brooklyn, and he being
at Church with them yes-
terday morning (to hear
Mr. Farness), Mr. Max-
well took occasion to
speak with him. From a

few words dropped by
Mitchell under these cir-
cumstances, Mr. Maxwell
discovered, as he thought,
evidence ~~that~~ of a state
of mind which made
an interview between
him and Beecher de-
sirable. And therefore
he made the effort to
bring them together.

Yours,
O. Johnson



to put you in a yoke, and shall be entirely satisfied to leave the question to your own good judgment.

Mrs. Gibbons, in behalf of herself and husband, instructs me to say, that they want you to stay at their house while you are here. My love, you will remember, at No. ¹⁹ Lamartine Place (West Twenty-ninth St.) between the 8th & 9th Avenues. If you come by the cars on Monday, just step across Broadway opposite the Depot, and there in Canal street, see (or wait a moment for) a car of the 8th Avenue railroad, (distinguished from that of the 6th Av.

at the same place by being red
instead of yellow); tell the con-
ductor to let you out at 24th
st., where you will be within
a few steps of friend Gibbon's
door. I am thus particular, be-
cause it may happen that I
cannot meet you, as I will try
to do, when you arrive. If you
come by boat, and get in in
time for breakfast, come to
our ^{home,} ~~place,~~ 25 Cottage Place, be-
tween Hornston ^{and} ~~or~~ Bleeker; or, if
that should prove inconvenient,
~~stop~~ ^{walk} up to Mrs. Mercier's, cor-
ner of Sun & Nassau, where
you can get a breakfast, and
newspaper to read till the A.
S. Office is open. Let me know
when to expect you.
Yours, heartily,
J. Johnson.