

Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 23 April, 1864.

My Dear Garrison,

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Do you remember my calling
your attention, last year (on the platform
in Cheever's church) to the fact that
our annual meeting, ^{in the official notice,} was wrongly
numbered? I remember doing so,
and that you thought me mistaken,
and the notice right. But knowing
that I was not mistaken, I took
care to set the matter right in
the record of our proceedings.
You called last year's meeting the
29th—it really was the 30th; and
you have fallen into the same error

this year in calling the meeting the
30th, when it will be the 31st. The
error is quite natural, being an
inference from the fact that ~~is~~ the
Society was formed in Dec. '33, ~~less~~
only 30 years ago. But you will
see, ~~the~~ on reflection, that you are
wrong, and that the Society, having
held its first anniversary in May,
1834, did of course hold its twentieth
ⁱⁿ 1863; and therefore that the anniver-
^{sary} of 1864 will be the first ⁱⁿ of the
4th decade, as that of 1834 was the
first of the first decade, that of
1844 the first of the second, and that
of 1854 the first of the third. The ac-
companying slip, in which I have set
the years in one column and the suc-

active anniversaries in the other, will show you that I am right.

I shall therefore correct the error in the official call next week.

I have a note from Mr. Thompson this morning in which he says he has made up his mind to relinquish his projected tour to the west, and return to Boston after the New York anniversary, in accordance with our advice. I am sure, we gave him good counsel, and therefore I am glad that he concludes to follow it.

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson.

C. J. N. Y., April 23, 1864.