

W<sup>th</sup> Pleasant Iowa 3.19.78

Beloved Friend

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W. L. Garrison

It has been decided to hold a meeting of the Iowa Peace Society at Iowa City on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month (April). You have at on former occasions contributed much interest by writing

There has been a desire expressed to invite thee to be present in person, but as we could scarcely expect such a treat as this, I consented to write to thee soliciting a letter if only a brief one expressive of thy views and sentiments on this Christ like reform. It is pleasant to recur to the times which tried the souls of men and women in the struggle for the Emancipation

tion of those in bonds, especially  
so, as thro the divine blessing,  
triumphant success crowned  
the labors of the devoted and  
faithful toilers. There are other  
reforms to be prosecuted and this  
of peaceful arbitration instead  
of the devouring sword we know  
is one which has enlisted much of  
thy thoughts. We occasionally see  
effusions from thy pen in the pub-  
lic papers and always read them  
with absorbing interest. Our be-  
loved mother is still living and has  
entered her 91<sup>st</sup> year. She is an ex-  
ample of patience and trustfulness  
tho at times almost deaf and blind.

My own health is infirm so  
that writing is quite a task to  
me. It is not probable we shall  
be able to attend the Peace meeting.  
A terrible pecuniary pressure is  
paralyzing business in the west

insomuch that large numbers  
of industrious people are thrown  
out of employment. In this  
part of the State we have had  
for three years such a vast  
amount of rain as to injure the  
crops and in many places de-  
stroy them. I hope my dear Ruth  
will add to this. We should  
be delighted to hear from thee  
if not taxing thee too much.

In order to be more certain  
that the Society may receive thy  
letter (should thou not write im-  
mediately) it may be better to  
direct to Francis Ward Iowa  
city Iowa - With affectionate  
remembrances I am thy cer-  
dial friend,

Joseph A. Duggals

Beloved Friend

I gladly accept the invitation of my dear  
husband to pen a few lines to thee, tho  
many

Years have passed since we met - very  
pleasant recollections arise, of our former  
intercourse, when we were privileged to work  
together in an unpopular cause, thanks  
be to our strongly Helper, we have lived to  
see the desire of our souls accomplished - the  
down-trodden Slave free! - what changes a few  
brief years make, once thou with a hunted fugitive  
thy life threatened, now honored governed for thy  
unflinching fidelity to the Golden Rule -  
we were glad to hear of thy second visit to Eng-  
land when doubtless, thou wast welcomed by  
many congenial spirits, to hearts and homes.  
May we not hope to see thee in our western  
land sometime or long? a cordial greeting would  
be thine Many thanks for thy kindness in sending  
a Memoir of thy beloved wife who was gratefully  
remembered - we and prize more than I can express  
your photos. to add to our cherished Anti Slavery  
Friends I am thankful for the improved health of  
my dear Jos, for a considerable time he had to give  
up the use of the feet entirely, wh was a great priva-  
tion but now am hopeful for the future -  
Thanks be to our Loving Father dear Le Mott is still  
alive in every sense of the word - It wd be truly grateful to  
hear from thee any time. With love & blessings thine cordially  
Wm Dugdale,