

Orange, Oct. 22, 1877.

My Dear Garrison,

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I wish I had you here to-night for a game of whist and a good talk. My mind, for some time past, has been much exercised in regard to the woman suffrage movement, which I think has been much hindered by Mr. Blackwell's political operations. You probably have observed an occasional protest against these operations in the Orange Journal. Mr. Blackwell has not thought my remonstrances worthy of much attention, but as I watch his movements they seem to me to be doing more harm than good. I am sure you agree with me in the main, for I do not believe you have changed your mind about reforming political parties

since 1840-44. The results of Mr. Blackwell's combinations seem to me to confirm all that we used to say about the Liberty party. Do you never feel an impulse to address the woman suffragists on the subject and ^{try to} call them away from his methods? I sometimes long to hear a potent voice like yours ~~lifted~~ pleading for the good old method of moral and political agitation on this question. Of course I would have you speak of Mr. Blackwell and those who follow his ~~lead~~ ^{lead} with the respect due to their earnest devotion to the cause. I do not wish to say or do anything to create ill-feeling or promote division; but it does seem to me that there is need of an earnest protest ^{against} the peculiar methods pursued

by Mr. Blackwell. I am sure there
are a great many who would
respond to it promptly and heartily.
To me it seems clear that those
methods have brought the cause
into odium among large classes
of intelligent people, and thus
postponed the day of its tri-
umph. Do you not think so?

My dear Jenny is in her usual
health. Our little Helen is in
splendid condition. She is now
three years and four months
old, weighs 40 lbs., ^{is} full of
life and vigor, and bright
as a new button. In every way
she is developing finely.

I am having a pretty
hard time with my paper. Busi-
ness is fearfully dull. But I am
full of hope and courage, and
believe I am laying good founda-
tions for the future. Better times

much come ere long, and when
they do I think they will bring
success for me.

I am glad to hear good
news from you through Wendell,
and hope you will not fall
back into your former condi-
tion of lameness and pain.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in
love to you and Frank and to
William and wife.

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson