

# THE WORKS OF FRANCIS J. GRIMKÉ

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good. But the Presbyterian pulpit is not the only one that has cowards and I trust you are not confining your campaign to it.

I think that letter to C. Everest Granger is the finest and most convicting bit of logic I've ever seen. He owes you a letter of thanks for pulling the scales from his eyes and the carbuncles from his heart.

I am late thanking you for the extra copies of *Evangelism and Institutes on Evangelism* which I am carefully distributing. I owe you too an apology for not enclosing postage with my request which I now try to make amends for.

I pray God that you continue to enjoy good health and that He will continue to vouchsafe to you the courage and power to do the good work you are doing.

I often think of you and many times long for the privilege of seeing you and the other good friends there. I do not know when the privilege will be mine, but I shall continue to hope for it.

Very sincerely yours,

John L. Love.

*Matthew Anderson to Francis J. Grimké*

Philadelphia, April 11, 1916.

Dear Grimké:

Dr. Anderson is very much better. She took a turn for better Sunday night. She is now able to raise her arms and work her fingers. The attendant physician is surprised at the way she has rallied. We can but hope it may continue, but her trouble is such a subtle disease that we can never tell what the next change may be. The only thing we can do is to keep her perfectly quiet and see that she has every attention. This she has. Margaret sees to her every want. She never leaves and never seems to get weary doing for her. Her devotion to her mother is most beautiful and refreshing to behold.

Now as to the sketch of Dr. Anderson's life I find myself somewhat at sea. I will give it little by little as it comes to me in different letters. First—Dr. Caroline Virginia Anderson is the eldest child of the late William Still. There were four children: Caroline V., William W., Frances M., and Robert. The last named was the youngest and died several years ago. Dr. Caroline V. was born in Philadelphia, November 1st, 1848. Received her preparatory education in the public schools of her native city and in the Institute

of Colored Youth. She took her college course at Oberlin College, graduating with honor in 1868. She took her medical course in the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1878.

From 1878 to 1879 she was an interne in the New England Medical College at Boston. After graduating at Oberlin she spent some time as a student and a teacher of elocution in Howard University. From 1879 to 1900 she devoted her time almost wholly to the practice of her profession. From 1900 to 1913 she divided her time between practicing her profession and assisting in the Berean Manual Training and Industrial School which school was opened by her husband February 1st, 1900. Dr. Anderson was teacher of physiology and hygiene, also elocution, and acted as assistant principal. She was compelled to resign her duties because of failing health.<sup>1</sup>

The above, Brother Grimké, will give you a general idea of my wife's educational advantages and her life work, up to the present. As to her disposition you are perfectly familiar with it. She is kindness to a fault. She is loved by all who know her intimately.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Anderson.

P.S.—Dr. Anderson married (1) Edward A. Wyley, December, '69 by whom she had two children; both died. (2) By her second marriage she has had five children, one died at birth and one lived to be eight months. The other three you know. Give my love to your brother and niece.

*A. F. Beard to Francis J. Grimké*

New York, May 19, 1916.

Dear Dr. Grimké:

I thank you cordially for the leaflet in re the Bible Society. Of course I entirely sympathize with you and the position that our brother took in declining the proposed dishonor. This miserable prejudice is disgraceful. The worst enemy of Christianity could scarcely be of any better hindrance of its progress.

I am calling attention to your leaflets now and then in the *Missionary*. I shall send this one marked to the Editor of the *Congregationalist*.

Yours very sincerely,

A. F. Beard.

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Anderson married a second time. This lady survived him and directed the school which he established in Philadelphia.