

THE  
CHAUTAUQUA MOVEMENT.

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WITH AN INTRODUCTION

BY  
PRESIDENT LEWIS MILLER.

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BOSTON, July 30, 1878.

MY DEAR VINCENT, — Your plan for the promotion of Christian culture in art, science, and literature, among the masses of the American people, strikes me as one of the grandest conceptions of the nineteenth century. The so-called common people of our country are showing themselves ripe and qualified for such culture, as never before, in their desire for and comprehension of the latest results of scientific research. I predict for the movement great success and grand results.

Would not the Atlantic coast be an excellent place for such a school?

Very truly yours, L. T. TOWNSEND.

DR. WARREN. — “Another theological professor, whom you have heard here with great pleasure, — Dr. A. A. Hodge, of Princeton.”

PRINCETON, N.J., July 23, 1878.

MY DEAR DR. VINCENT, — I am delighted to hear of your movement for increasing the influence for good of your Chautauqua Assembly. The scheme is a grand one, and only needs, to assure its success, that efficient administration which has so eminently characterized all your enterprises. History and nature are the spheres in which God exercises his perfections, through which they are manifested to us. All human knowledge should be comprehended in the one system of which Christ is the centre, and illuminated with the light of revelation. And revelation itself will appear more certainly divine, and its sphere more complete, when it is viewed in all its natural relations to the works of God in creation and providence. Truth is the great instrument by which

the God of light works, and the whole truth is the only pure truth. We need all the broad lights and all the side lights to sweep away the shadows in which alone scepticism and superstition lurk. The workers in the Christian Church, above all others, need this comprehensive illumination. As dispensers of the light of God as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ, they should cultivate the faculty of casting that light abroad over all his works, and thus, making the entire universe his temple, irradiate it with his glory. May God guide you, and crown all the endeavors with which he inspires you with complete success.

Yours sincerely, A. A. HODGE.

DR. WARREN. — “Now I bring you a letter fragrant with the breezes of the Berkshire hills, full of the ozone of those forests, as the atmosphere is full of the ozone of this forest. I refer to the letter of Arthur Gilman.”

LANESBOROUGH, BERKSHIRE CO., MASS.,

July 25, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR, — Your letter in which you bring to my attention your plan for a Literary and Scientific Circle at Chautauqua has found me here, having been forwarded from Cambridge.

I have learned the details of your plan with interest. There are many who have not the advantage of the home circle, nor the stimulus of a literary atmosphere, to whom you can in the way you propose give a start in the way upward.

Your fears of “superficiality” do not trouble me. For your course will probably aim rather to direct the mind toward the way in which you wish it to develop,