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A great editor, as you are, presiding over a great journal, such as the *Weekly* is, is in a position to wield the greatest possible influence in moulding public sentiment aright. I thank you for the use you are making of your great powers and of your commanding position.

Francis J. Grimké.

J. Ross Stevenson to Francis J. Grimké

Princeton, N. J., April 15, 1921.

My dear Dr. Grimké:

Your splendid address on "The Brotherhood of Man" has been received and read with great care. You certainly raise and discuss clearly and courageously what is one of our greatest modern problems, and a problem which should have more serious consideration on the part of Christian leaders.

I note what you state regarding my advocacy of the Plan of Union for Evangelical Churches at the last Assembly and I appreciate the confidence you express. I am sorry that the Overture regarding this plan as it was passed by the Assembly was lost and that the present form of Overture now before the Presbyteries is different from the one which our Committee had in mind. We wished simply to have the matter referred to the Presbyteries for criticism and discussion and not for final adoption. I question very much whether we are prepared as yet to enter into a union of this character, especially in the light of the strong reaction which the Interchurch World Movement has created regarding co-operative ventures.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

J. Ross Stevenson.

T. S. Wynkoop to Francis J. Grimké

New York, April 19, 1921.

My dear Dr. Grimké:

It is pleasant to be remembered by you and I thank you for the sermon you have been good enough to send me. I entirely accept your position about the race problem and the responsibility for it. And all the people of my acquaintance feel in the same