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having the vision to see the political fault of degrading the colored people, and the resulting crimes committed by the white race. I must suggest, however, that the writer of the letter should utter no revolutionary or Soviet principles. Col. Harvey hates them. He may not publish a letter written on the lines of moral and personal appreciation such as I have indicated, but he would probably read it, and even that would stimulate his nobler purpose. He is, above everything else, an American patriot. I can't myself be quite so much an American above everything else, as he is. But he, being what he is, the more colored Americans are loyalized, the more sedulous will George Harvey be that they should have all desirable things that white citizens have! At least that is my opinion, and the power of his pen is worth the effort to get it moving against race prejudice and its uglier and wickeder manifestations.

Do you ever come North? If you do, I believe your brother has hidden the fact from me. Any way if and when you do come, I should consider it a real kindness if you could, without incommoding yourself, come to see me, or write to arrange for a visit.

With sincere regards I am

Your friend,
Lillie Buffum Chace Wyman.¹

Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

1200 K Street, 1915.

My dear Brother :

I was glad to read your paper on "The Birth of a Nation." I saw it and endorse your protest.

It is false and pernicious and should be suppressed.

I said "Amen" when Chaplain Robinson denounced it in Presbytery.

Success to you and your work.

Cordially,
Wallace Radcliffe.

¹ This woman was of Quaker and abolition origin—one of the few to stand up always for equality and justice. She wrote frequently on matters of interest to the descendants of abolitionists and the Negroes whom they befriended. She was very much stirred up by the effort of so-called historians who have engaged in whitewashing slavery and slaveholders.