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ished your vital force. May the Gracious Lord continue to strengthen you for every good work.

With kindest fraternal regards, I am

Gratefully yours,

James G. Carlile.

Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1923.

My dear Doctor:

I have been out of the city and find on my return a copy of your recent paper at Howard University. I thank you for sending it. It is an admirable and strong thing every way. I agree with your position. You are absolutely right. Your argument is effective and Christian. Something will have to be done. How in the immediate future, I do not know, but there will have to be in some way reconstruction and a more intimate fraternity to set forth especially the spirit in Christianity.

I was astounded at the extent you narrated concerning the dean of the University. I knew nothing of it. I did not see the newspaper statement and your reference is the first I have known of it. It was simply outrageous and your picturing of it, especially with the march of that crowd singing "Onward Christian Soldier" was one which would appeal to any Christian soul. It was all wrong, un-American and un-Christian.¹

With continued appreciation and fraternity.

Cordially yours,

Wallace Radcliffe.

E. L. Parks to Francis J. Grimké

Washington, D. C., December 6, 1923.

Dear Dr. Grimké:

Please accept hearty thanks for a copy of your address on "What is the Trouble With Christianity of Today." I have read it with deep interest and heartily endorse its every statement. Not a single statement is too strong. It is also true that

¹ Reference here is to the mob of whites who met at one of their churches to organize and proceeded in a body singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" marching to force out of their community Dean D. W. Woodard of Howard.