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Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27, 1930.

My dear Brother Grimké:

I have only now learned of the death of your honored brother and wish to express immediately my tenderest sympathy for you and my share in the high appreciation of his ability and life work. If it were not that I am and have been for a week under special care and orders of my physician I would certainly be present at the funeral services of today. I met him several times very pleasantly, and know otherwise of his honored place and influence. He had very positive views and ably defended and proclaimed them, so that his work will follow him. I notice he was related to the Baptist Communion and can well believe that he has entered into rest and reward and the best enduring fellowship of the eternities, and where he will have explanations and interpretations of so much in this world's experiences that were bewildering and hard and repulsive. I am sure in your own darkness and sorrow your faith is distinct and true and you are unmoved from our glorious hope that is ours through Him who is Resurrection and Life. The comfort comes back to you which you have so often given to others. "Let not your heart be troubled". May our Elder Brother be still more made conscious to your heart and home.

You and I have our eyes definitely towards the west, and though the shadows are many and dark the clouds in the sky are golden and suggestive.

Loving sympathy and prayers for you and all the bereaved household.

Sincerely,
Wallace Radcliffe.

William H. Crogman to Francis J. Grimké

So. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28-1930.

My dear Dr. Grimké:

The news of your brother's death reached us in due season. Of course we were not so struck by it because of his having been crippled so long and so badly crippled. It was of course well for him that he had such a brother to take care of him together with the presence of his own daughter.