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I did not know how long I should be remaining. I am obliged to join every welfare organization, help every worthy cause and take every colored paper and magazine. Sometimes my salary does not begin to run me a month.

I'm not complaining because my health is splendid and oh what a blessing and how grateful I am to our Father.

With warm greetings to you all,

Very sincerely yours,
Martha A. McAdoo.

Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

Washington, D. C., March 18, 1921.

My dear Grimké:

I have just this moment finished reading your last sermon on a phase of the race problems which you so kindly sent me. I think it is in some respects one of the best things you have done. It is calm, but strong, and just, and comprehensive and hits the nail exactly on the head. Your people have done remarkably in the last 50 years. They have attained as no other race has attained in that time to wealth and knowledge and intellectual training. but the great need for them as it is for all of us especially in America is the emphasis of the Christian principle. Neither white nor black can secure a stable place without the power of Christianity. The man or the nation that outgrows Christianity simply ordains personal destruction. You have developed the idea with masterful power and it ought to have a large and enduring result. I trust that your apprehension will not be realized that this may be your last message of a special Inaugural kind to your people. There ought to be many times yet for you to give them the message that you gave in this sermon. It is well done and I congratulate you and hope for great results.

You are right. The faith of your people is not in any party nor in himself but in God and in that faith I have not the slightest doubt that there is a great and noble future for all of you.

With congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
Wallace Radcliffe.