

# THE WORKS OF FRANCIS J. GRIMKÉ

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*Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké*

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1916.

My dear Grimké:

I wish in the first place to thank you for your call and expression of sympathy during my illness. I wish you had asked to see me, for I was seeing at that time several of the brethren, and you would have been cordially welcome. As you may know, I have gotten back home after six weeks in the hospital and am doing well. I will not, however, be ready for public work of any kind until October 1.

I was very much interested in your tract concerning the American Bible Society. Of course, just at that time my illness had begun, but I knew something of what was contemplated. I confess to the surprise in your statement that they offered a separate pageant for the colored people. Dr. Fox was in my room on his earlier visit and made no mention of that, but of the general pageant including all. The other must have been a subsequent development. I do not think it was a wise suggestion. One recognizes, of course, the prejudice of many, but I question very much whether that prejudice would have had any such development as to suggest the propriety of the other.

Your tract is a strong, intelligent and a right protest. We will hope that more and more there will be a better conception and a better action on the part of Christian people.

With all good wishes

Yours cordially,  
Wallace Radcliffe.

*Matthew Anderson to Archibald and Francis J. Grimké*

1926 S. College Avenue, Philadelphia, 5-29-16.

My dear Friends:

I am sure you have followed the reports of the Assembly as given by the daily press and from these accounts you naturally concluded that we lost most ingloriously our fight, but let me assure you that we gained the greatest moral victory of our life, which is admitted by both friend and foe. On arriving at the Assembly Wednesday evening, May 17th, I found that both Boards were entrenching themselves against any attack. The Freedmen's Board were lining up their colored contingents who