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enemies are so very subtle, if we are not ever vigilant they will turn the tide in their favor.

The alarming conditions all over the country are frightful, but I am hopeful that a better day is ahead for us.[1]

Keep up the good fight, and may God bless and keep you.

<div style="text-align:right">Very truly yours,
F. D. Wheelock.</div>

Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

<div style="text-align:center">Washington, D. C., Saturday, Oct. 11 (1919).</div>

My dear Grimké:

I have just read your "Race Problem" with positive and glad endorsement. Your words are straight and strong and just and I think also prophetic. Of course we recognize individual cases of wrong and abuse in both groups of society. There are bad colored men just as there are bad white men who misunderstand and pervert and sin against both sides. But in the great theme you are absolutely and unanswerably right. I like very much the spirit as well as the logic with which you meet Secretary Lane. He is altogether the biggest man in the Cabinet and you proved yourself a foeman worthy of his steel.

I have taken occasion to speak along these lines several times during the past year in my own pulpit. Among other things two Sundays ago I told my people that "a colored man who was good enough to fight for the Flag is good enough to be secured in all the rights and privileges that Flag stood for". The only philosophy that will settle this question is the philosophy of Jesus Christ. The only solution is as you say to treat the Negro everywhere as a man and brother. And it will certainly come or the Republic will go down. Its life is in its righteousness.

Blessing and all good wishes for you and your work

<div style="text-align:right">Cordially,
Wallace Radcliffe.</div>

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[1] The writer refers herein to the rapidly increasing volume of offenses against the Negro because of growing race prejudice of that day.