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*Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké*

Washington, D. C., September 22, 1920.

My dear Grimké:

I thank you for your letter of yesterday just received.

I am surprised at myself and merit the rebuke which you suggest. The sermon was not written except in very scattered notes, was preached extemporaneously and reported. The reference simply was a repetition of what I had recently heard two or three times and was in my memory and came out. It was a matter of carelessness. This, however, is not an excuse, merely an explanation. I should have certified the facts, and if I had given thoughtfulness would have known the truth. I am very sorry it happened and will take an early opportunity in some way for making a public correction.

You and the other brethren named deserve exactly the same prominence that the others have and would have had it if I had not been so hurried and spoken from the memory of a recent statement rather than from personal thoughtfulness.

I thank you for all that you say in the letter. You and I have been good friends during all the past 25 years and you ought to be very sure of my positive interest in a recognition of all who are in the body of Christ no matter about the color of their skin.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace Radcliffe.

If you had heard what I said in extenso last Sunday in my pulpit you would have had no question about my convictions or motive.

*Charles B. Purvis to Francis J. Grimké*

Boston, Mass., Nov. 15, 1920.

Dear Grimké:

Thanks for your letter which came on Saturday. I am writing to make use of you. Mrs. Smallwood who is 76 years old, I have known over 50 years. She is poor. I send her at Christmas a widow's mite. I am placing my house, and affairs in order, before I leave in two weeks. I have sub-let my suite. I find a number of little things to do. Please hold the cheque until Mrs. Smallwood calls for it at Christmas time. I am sending out a number