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Lucy C. Laney to Francis J. Grimké

Haines Normal and Industrial School

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 30, 1904.

Dear Mr. Grimké:

I thank you for your kind letter and kindly consideration of us. We could not think of having you come to see us and have you meet your own expenses. I am afraid that you do not realize the benefit it is to us and this community. It is our plan to charge for the lecture and thus make the people bear this burden. It is our way to help to educate the people. The school must mean something, and it should mean much to the community. The people of Augusta turn here for intellectual food, and we are trying to provide wholesome food. I trust that you can see your way clear to come to us sometime during the winter or early spring, and we would be glad if you could let us know early, that we might have time to make ample and proper arrangements.

The action of the New York and Chicago Presbyteries, I am sure, was gratifying to you. I am still hoping that there is sufficient honor and grace in the Church to vote down that "iniquitous overture," and that in the spring we shall be able to see the Church which we love and of whose record we have been proud coming forth with clean garments, rejoicing because she has done the right thing. No doubt we are living in troublous times, but, as you say, it will be all right after a time. I am sure there will be utterly a triumph of right.

Yours truly,

L. C. Laney,

Principal.

Herrick Johnson to Francis J. Grimké

The Plaza, Chicago, Jan. 1, '05.

My Dear Bro.

Your letter of Dec. 11th came duly to hand, and be assured its words of hearty appreciation were grateful. But I do not feel that the mere discharge of a simple duty which carries with it so much enjoyment as my espousal of the equal rights of all in our beloved church to whatever is embraced in its doctrine and life have given to me, furnishes any occasion for special mention.