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My dear friend:

That I might take full time to digest thy reply of March 30, as well as to re-read & consider thy "Standard" letter I have delayed this acknowledgment. Be assured I regard thy explanation of the "till of the late Francis Jackson" as a standard letter in the fullest acceptation of the term.

I pronounced it a masterpiece at the first reading and as Mr Still told me yesterday, I re-read it with additional satisfaction. I knew the task to thee was "painful" - hence, I had marked the passages "strong aversion to personal controversy" and "inexpressibly painful to me"

I knew schools were needed in the south for I had visited some of those in Va, established by our Friends' Association, hence I had marked thy words: "Twenty thousand schools need to be established where there are now less than two thousand", At the same time I felt that thee meant to guard thyself "against any undue excitement of mind" and loving honoring that mind & heart that obeyed the duty of the hour, I could not but call thy attention to the words: "great self-inflation & pitiable hallucination - the spirit of defamation & his work of traducement" with which thy letter in the Standard concludes.

This - If something is not done soon I for one shall demand a public explanation - One dollar spent now in education will count for a year to come. Referring thee to the enclosed circular and anticipation of the pure and forcible expositions on the Peace Question, I remain thy assured friend Alfred Love

I was well aware of thy plain words and thy aversion to circumlocution, but felt it was 'Garrison like' to condemn the thing, but not the man. For my own poor self, I can go any lengths in condemnation of the act, but shrink from employing epithets denunciatory of the actor. Still this is only my way and perhaps I had no right to think anyone sympathized with me.

I did not regard thy open and frank denial of the ten allegations - nor indeed to thy words; "My reply to this arraignment is - there is not a word of truth in it"; as in any way objectionable, but felt it the impersonation of myself. But when thee leaves the allegations and speaks of the person and judges of the motives that influenced him, ascribing thereto such as were calculated to awaken unkind feeling, and shifts the argument from the thing done to the person doing, I felt my friendly whisper might go forth -

I had already made "the case my own". I had felt the sting & my spirit went forth to thee silently to bear it with the courage of one who had nobly performed his duty, and against whose reputation no word or accusation could stand.

And yet I commend thee in replying and answer yes! to thy question - as to the "desiring of rebuke" - if the allegations are false."

But I will not multiply words, thee, good friend, will understand me & if thee feels there is nothing of a "vindictive spirit" represented in the words I quoted - as I am now satisfied none was intended, do not alter, do not amend; and do not dwell a single moment upon my gentle suggestions, but promptly excuse me and ascribe all to an over sensitive disposition that would love and shield everybody -

But I am startled at the announcement that the fund remains idle! I confidently believe the friends of the cause do not know