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My Dear Friend,

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Your letter was most welcome and refreshing. In these days of time-serving, when so few presses, either secular or religious, are loyal to God and Man, it is good to hear the ringing tones of a true prophet of the Lord. I am sick at heart with the utterances of the last numbers of the Register, upon the course of the President. I should have expected from Mr. Mumford a bold advocacy of the rights of the colored people of the South. As he quotes

a passage from Oliver Johnson, and uses your name for its endorsement, (by implication) he certainly ought to publish a portion of your reply to Oliver's article. And I have no doubt that he will do so, if you send it to him, requesting him to do you this justice; as I trust you will.

As his comments on my article seemed to ask for a rejoinder from me, I wrote briefly, expressing my dissent from some of Wendell Phillips's criticisms; & also my opinion of the President's recent course. I left the publication of it optional with Mr. Mumford, as I did not care to continue the discussion about W. P., having

once expressed myself. I do not know whether Mr. Mumford will publish it or not. If he goes on sustaining the President's course towards the colored people, I may feel called upon to protest against that. I care very little for church organizations or their organs, composed with fidelity to righteousness and loyalty to humanity; but it is painful to find them in conflict with the principle with which they should be in accord. But thus it was in the old days of our anti-slavery struggle; and sometimes I fear that they are not so much changed as are the circumstances around them which test them less severely.

I send you a few copies of Forney's "Press". Since my last letter to you, I have learned that the editorial censures of the President's course were written by a friend of Mr. Forney's, who is a strong friend of the colored people. After a few such utterances, no more were admitted. This information concerning their authorship enlightened me respecting the strange contradictions & incongruities presented by different editorial paragraphs. It appears to be Forney's policy to edit the "Press" in such manner that whatever political course succeeds (in his party) he can quote from his files a defence of that course. Just now, he sustains the

President's action.

I was glad to learn from a friend of Mr. Chamberlain, who accompanied him in his recent visit to Washington, that some members of the Cabinet acknowledged to Mr. C. that they were doing a mean thing in thus deserting the Republican party of South Carolina. I did not learn that any^{one} of them (not even Schurz) was troubled with remorse for the cruelty and injustice towards the colored people there.

Pray take all possible care of your health. I hope you will live many years longer. The nation needs you.

Very cordially yours,
Mary Grew.

