

1030 Cleveland St. N. Y.

Washington, May 18, 1892.

J. M. A. W. Sawyer,

Dear Sir,

Will you allow me, as one of those who listened to your noble and powerful address last night, to thank you most earnestly for your presentation of the subject stirred our souls to new depths, and made us feel more strongly than ever before, that we, the colored people, must assert ourselves, insistently and unflinchingly, in this matter. Thanks to you for giving us these details, infinitely painful as they are, in order to make each one con-

ception of our actual position;  
to counsel us more thoroughly to  
immediate action. Do not think  
that the majority of the thought  
ful members of the Colored race  
do not feel their wrongs most  
keenly, and suffer more intensely  
by than words can express. But  
the best and most effective  
mode of action has not always  
been apparent. We thank you  
for your noble, helpful words,  
and for the Christian sympathy,  
which is not pity.

And now, knowing, dear sir,  
as you do, that the white people  
of this land need also to be  
thoroughly aroused on the subject,  
I venture to propose that you

send to the General Assembly of  
the Presbyterian Church, which convenes  
this week in Portland, Oregon,  
a similar Memorial in regard  
to Southern outrages to the one  
which you sent to the Confer-  
ence at Omaha, and which  
was so unanimously adopted  
by that body. I do not know  
that it would meet with a warm  
reception in the Assembly, - that  
eminently conservative body, -  
but, being a Presbyterian myself,  
and the wife of a Presbyterian  
clergyman, I am anxious that  
that great and influential asso-  
ciation of professed Christians  
should have an opportunity of

proving their Christianity in a  
matter which concerned their  
colored brethren.

My husband is necessarily  
absent from the city;— otherwise  
he would have liked to see you  
in regard to this matter. I do hope  
you may think favorably of this  
proposition, dear Sir, and that the  
Memorial may be sent immediately.

May God abundantly bless  
and reward you for your earnest,  
Christian defence of the weak and the  
cruelly wronged. "To the most out-  
cast, the most low". Aurora Leigh  
says of Romney—

"A godlike nature his; the gods  
look down,  
Incurious of themselves."

Believe me, most gratefully  
and sincerely yours,  
Charlotte S. Grimké