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My Dear Sir.

I read with greatest interest your notes in last Saturday's *Inter Ocean*. I have never read a better presentation of truth in the interest of Human Rights in all my reading. I was glad that it was intended for the General Conference. They adopted a strong report. I suppose you read Figini's *Fraternité* book. Do you think that there ever was a bigger lie played upon the Ecclesiastical Stage? I do not believe that there can be an intelligent and conscientious person, who does not feel that such a performance, serves as the strongest factor, in keeping up the ungodly violence, practiced upon the Colored People in the Southern States. The teaching and policy of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, makes the crime against the Colored People, a possibility. The Fraternal business or lie rather, makes the Methodist Episcopal Church, a convert to the infernal business. I hope you will read the Fight Address, and expose the utter hypocrisy of the whole business. The absolute inconsistency of the Address with the avowed Protest of the General Conference. This would strike at the very root of the evil. Tear off the lion skin and show the real beast down under it. The playing upon the part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to perpetuate and extend the Propaganda - designated by Bishop Falden as Episcopal Methodism, is to day the greatest impediment to the peace and prosperity of the Nation, and the security of the Rights of the Colored People. The exposure of this evil, would do more to right the matter, than any thing that you could possibly write now. I hope you will be able to present it, that it may have its bearing upon the Republican Convention. I know you fully comprehend the situation. Your sincere Friend.

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