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Rev. Judge Albion W. Truette.

MY DEAR SIR:

I am compiling a Homiletical Cyclopaedia of Illustrations in Religion, Morals and Philosophy. This work is to be made up of extracts of striking passages in sermons, addresses, speeches, editorials, review articles and books. Anecdotes in their settings, and fresh ones, to graft which must be the work of those who have trees that will bear them. Poems, or parts of them, as they are fit for this purpose; and also, in this age when so much of truth is covered with the binding of a work of fiction, extracts from such as illustrate the themes given above. The title which I expect the compilation will bear is "BURNING WORDS FROM LIVING TONGUES." This explains the leading feature of the work. Only the thoughts of living minds and the echoes of living voices shall nestle in this volume. Thus it will be fresh and in touch with the times. By this arrangement, also, the fear that it is only to be another re-arrangement of illustrations already in our studies shall be honestly dispelled.

The public libraries are of little use in this work. I must get the books especially, as they come from the press. To get all the books published in these departments of thought would be too heavy a drain on the income of an ordinary pastorate for one to bear. Yet if only those are purchased which a judgment formed by perusing Book Reviews advises, much of real merit may perhaps be overlooked. I have therefore concluded to ask the authors or publishers of such volumes as would appear to be of service in compiling such a work to forward me a complimentary copy of the same. It is with such a request for a copy of your book *pamphlet*

"Is Liberty Worth Preserving?"

that I now approach you. Kindly consider that I do not beg a copy of your book. If there is that in your book which will prove suitable for such a compilation as I have in hand, the extracts which are taken from it and put in the hands of new readers and thinkers will repay you. This will also, I believe, give a more worthy representation of authors not enjoying great celebrity, whose works might not otherwise be examined. I have been somewhat explicit in giving an outline of the compilation that you might judge whether or no your work would have anything in it suitable for quotation. If in your judgment it did not it would be a kindness not to send it, as I shall feel bound to sift all books which come in answer to this request. Selections now made number about 1,500.

Any suggestions as to things desired in such a work would be gratefully received, and any return for favors that I can make shall be gladly accorded.

Noted in N. Y. Christian Advocate, Feb. 8/93.

Also from your Citizen's Rights Association, Mr. Robinson's pamphlet, "Southern Outrages."

Merrill Eastman, studied with pleasure & profit. Give us another along that line!

Very sincerely yours
Geo. T. Lemmon