

Dear Mrs. Keeler:

Your letter of the 12th inst. is at hand. I do not think I could be of any material service to you by suggestion or otherwise. One who has made a study of a particular subject or branch of a subject may be helped by criticism of their work or method, as to its effect, forcefulness, and relation to other matters, but not, I think by previous suggestion of a less thoroughly informed mind.

Such a suggestion is apt to con-
fuse and hinder, rather than
aid the work of the specialist.

I have made a very thor-
ough study of the relations
and conditions of the case
and of course have not
omitted the consideration
of its criminal development
and ~~the~~ the re-
lation of the law to those
of the case falling under its
bar. I do not suppose that I
could add materially to
your knowledge of the sub-
ject.

ject and suggestion as to
~~your~~ the method of treatment
on the points to be covered
would be harmful rather
than of assistance to you.

The Negro charged with crime
at the South is in a most de-
plorable condition no matter
how innocent he may be.

In fact, ~~the negroes~~
~~anywhere in the country~~
~~in any condition~~ whether
charged with crime or not
his condition is such as
to make one shudder.

Though I have made it
the study of my life—for besides
the books I have written on the
subject, I have prepared ~~more~~
more than 300, newspaper
and magazine articles touch-
ing it — I confess that I
grow more and more
hopeless and despondent in
reference to ^{his} ~~the~~ future, I am
rather in reference to the future
of that Christianity and civ-
ilization, which has shaped
his destiny and character—
for more than two

hundred years. The wrongs
that we have done are deliberate
violations of Christian principle,
and are so universally recog-
nized as such that there
is ~~no~~ ^{hardly a} white man or ~~no~~
man in the country who
would not rather die the
most horrible death than
wear a black skin the
rest of their lives. Yet this
universal knowledge of the
wrong done ~~there~~ has

no tendency to cure the evil -
we provide very hopeful
ray for the future.

I recall Emily, Ols and
am glad to know you
as her sister. It is character-
istic of the blood that you
should be engaged in such
work and have the resolu-
tion to carry it one year
after year without reward.
What a Juggernaut our
civilization is, ~~that~~ ^{it} crushing
out the best lives to wash

off the stains of the worst ones.

Is it the mission of Christianity simply to provide men and women to make ~~other~~ the evils of ~~the~~ which lush and greed create more ~~endurable~~ ^{endurable} able? Or will we sometime learn ~~the~~ not only that prevention is better than cure but that it is the only real cure?

Yours truly

William W. Lowmyer

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