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Dear Sir: I have not the honor of your personal acquaintance (which I regret); but in the discussions touching the Humane Congress called for the 11th prox. your well known name was suggested by Rev. Francis H. Rowley and others for a place upon our programme, with the hope that you would be kind enough to say something to so much of the World as we can reach (in behalf of the prevention of cruelty) — conscious of your strength in any cause in which your sympathy might be enlisted.

Hoping for the kindness of a favorable reply, I beg to remain,

Respectfully and cordially yours,

John G. Shortall
President.