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Washington, May 3, 1895.

Rev. W. H. Belden,

Dear Sir,

I have received your very kind note of April 25th and am greatly obliged to you for it. It is very encouraging to me to know that my little article in "The Independent" has won the approval and excited the sympathy of one faithful worker in the cause of Christ, who will give us his prayers. I do earnestly hope that others may also be moved to take this important subject into consideration, and that some good may result therefrom.

Again thanking you for your
kindness,

I am very sincerely yours
Francis J. Shimke