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MY DEAR BELDEN,

MANY THANKS FOR LONG LETTER OF 10TH,

RECEIVED FROM YOU <sup>u</sup>LAST EVE. YOU HAVE DONE THE VERY

THING WHICH I THINK OUGHT TO BE DONE FOR THE I.M.U.

THAT IS, TO GET COMMUNITIES TO TAKE IT UP, INVITE AND

ENTERTAIN THE ANNUAL MEETING, AND SECURE FROM IT WHAT

INTELLECTUAL AND RELIGIOUS QUICKENING THEY MAY. I

SHOULD LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE FOR A LARGER EFFECT UPON

THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC FROM MEETINGS THUS HELD IN AND

WITH OUR CHURCHES, THAN FROM A WHOLE LIFE-TIME OF

METINGS AT SEA-SIDE RESORTS AND CAMP-MEETINGS. MOST

ESPECIALLY DOES MY SOUL REVOLT AT THE THOUGHT OF GO-

ING TO WESLEY PARK, AND RECEIVING GATE MONEY--AS IF

WE WERE PRIZE FIGHTERS, OR A BASE-BALL NINE. IF WE

MUST EXIST ON SUCH TERMS, LET US DIE AT ONCE AND RES-

PECTABLY.

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO WESLEY PARK AGAIN ON

ANY CONSIDERATION; I DON'T LIKE THE CROWD THAT ASSEM-

BLES THERE--SO FAR AS I AM ABLE TO IMAGINE WHAT THAT

CROWD IS. I THINK WE HAD A SPECIMEN OR TWO OF IT AT

1000 ISLANDS LAST SUMMER, AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT

SOME MORE JUST YET.

I LIKE YOUR SCHEME EXCEEDINGLY. REM TETI-

GIST I AGH. I HEARTILY AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE SHOULD

NOT ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC WITH PLACES

OF RESORT OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY ANY ONE DENOMINATION

OR CHURCH. AS TO ATTENDANCE--WE SHOULD NOT DRAW A

CROWD, BUT THE CROWD WE DRAW AT 1000 ISLANDS IS NOT

SO GOOD FOR OUR PURPOSE AS A CROWD ONE TENTH THE SIZE,

SUCH AS YOU MIGHT FURNISH US, OF THOSE WHO CAME BE-

CAUSE THEY WANTED TO HEAR. AS TO ABSENCE OF OBJECTS

OF GENERAL INTEREST AT BRIDGETON--WE DON'T GO FOR

THOSE ANY WAY; WE GO FOR I.M.U. AND YOU CAN'T SCARE

MISSIONARIES WITH JERSEY MOSQUITOES--NOT BY A JUGFULL.

I AM DROPPING A CARD TO PHILLIPS NOW. PERHAPS <sup>it</sup> WOULD BE BEST TO <sup>or</sup> WAIT HIS REPLY BEFORE SENDING OUT YOUR STATEMENT, INASMUCH AS HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE EX. COM. WOULD IT NOT ALSO BE WELL FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR COPIES OF THE CIRCULAR WHICH YOU PROPOSE INTO HIS HANDS, AND GET HIM TO SEND THEM OUT. PERHAPS HE <sup>would</sup> THINK THAT YOU WERE CUTTING IN ON HIS DEPARTMENT A BIT. EXCUSE THIS SUGGESTION--YOU WILL TAKE IT AS OFFERED.

I SHOULD BE GLAD TO GO TO BUFFALO IF NOT TO BRIDGETON. NOT NECESSARILY TO GRACEY'S CHURCH, FOR REASONS ABOVE SUGGESTED--BUT NO PARTICULAR OBJ. EVEN TO THAT. IT WOULD NOT BE EXACTLY LIKE GOING TO A M. E. CAMP-MEETING GROUND, AND MAKING A SPECTACLE OF OURSELVES TO THE WORLD, ANGELS AND MEN FOR GATE MONEY!

EVER TRULY YOURS,

C. W. PARK.

GRACEY HAS WRITTEN ME IN ABOUT SAME TERMS AS TO YOURSELF.