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## Letter to Dr. Brown Ayres from A. Caldwell

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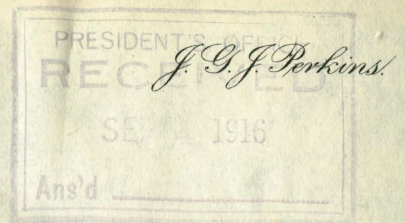
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Dr. Brown Ayres,

University of Tennessee,

Knoxville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Ayres,

As requested in your letter of the 1st, I herewith enclose all that I have received to date from the Ministers' Association and from Mrs. French. You will notice that Mrs. French wishes to "emphasize the fact that no one could possibly disapprove more of the public attack of Dr. Stroughs against the professor and the University, than I do". It seems to me under those circumstances that she ought to be asked why she lends herself to continuing that attack. You will notice that she says "I wrote no article complimentary of the lecture". Perhaps Mrs. French has not seen the newspaper clipping and has forgotten how extremely complimentary it was.

I also enclose copy of a letter written by Mr. H. Clay Evans to Mrs. Crozier French in which I heartily concur. I have not even acknowledged the communications to me and I did not wish to do so until I could answer something. Perhaps since you are taking the matter up at Knoxville, where it is much more proper that it should be taken up than by a new member like myself at such a distance, it will be unnecessary for me to respond except in a perfectly formal manner. Suppose you let me hear from you as to this.

I felt at the time that it might have been better if we had taken a longer time and had written a regular opinion analyzing the evidence at length.