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November 23rd, 1942

Mr. Otto K. Dorn,
Henry George School of Social Science,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dorn:

I have sent your copy of "The Garden of Doctor Persuasion" back to you in today's mail. Thanks amillion, as they say, for your kindness in letting me have it for this period. Mrs. Brown and I both read it with profit and pleasure. Mrs. Brown reads much more fiction than I do and she said the book was a relief from the usual run of stories. "It was good," she said, "to have something sweet and meaningful once again."

But my wife and I closed the book with the same question. How can Dr. Persuasion be the ideal for most of us who live in families. You can't follow that example in detail unless the intent is to awaken a new interest in the simple life. Our children may be benefited with a closer dependence for themselves upon the laws of nature and less of the luxuries of life. "The more we get the more we want" is what went through my mind on a number of pages. Cynthia could use the opportunity for leisure afforded by wealth but the squire was unable to. That is he could not use it in the way to best express his own individuality and personality. And I wondered if the author went too far in minimizing the importance of government. We can't ignore it if any social reform is to be effected.

I am inclosing Bishop's McConnell's last letter to me in reply to my letter expressing appreciation for his interest in Miss Bateman's visit and his promise to visit the school. I mentioned at that time what you and Miss Bateman showed me in her office—that book with the notation by Mrs. Fels.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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Mr. Dorn,
Henry George School of Social Science,
30 East 29th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dorn:

I learned this morning from Rev. Howard Warren, the new president of the Methodist Preachers Meeting that Mr. Wallis was at the meeting two weeks ago, but that the attendance was so poor they closed the meetings then and there for the season and made arrangements for him to speak in the fall.

Mr. Warren told me he had a very fine chat with Mr. Wallis and on my suggestion promised he would try to have Mr. Wallis among the very first speakers in the fall. This should enable us to interest a number of the preachers in the courses this fall. Mr. Warren is planning to enter the Progress and Poverty class and will read the book this summer, he said. Rev. Carlton Hubbard of Ocean Parkway Methodist Church and a fine student of Hebrew and primitive Old Testament peoples may take up the course also. He was interested when I asked him if it were not true that the primitive people, Jews and others, knew nothing of private ownership of land. "Absolutely not" he replied. And then he told me of a life of Daniel Boone he had been reading that pointed out that the American Indians did not know they were selling land when they accepted what the white man termed the purchase price for the ~~exclusive right~~ to the ^{one} of their land. The Indians thought they were merely permitting the white man hunting privileges.

I am getting others interested so maybe we can get that clergy class started you were talking about.

With all good wishes,

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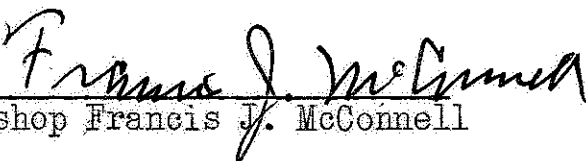
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My dear Brother Brown:

I thank you for your kind letter of November 10. I greatly appreciate your interest in my going to the Henry George School. Henry George was the first social prophet in whom I became interested. It will be stimulating and instructive to me to see what his followers are doing.

I greatly appreciate also your telling me about Mrs. Fels.

Cordially yours,


Bishop Francis J. McConnell

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