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The Capitol,

Albany, N. Y...... Oct. 27,..... 1892.

Mrs Helen Campbell,

Lanesboro, Mass.

My dear Mrs Campbell:-

I have been delayed in answering your letter because of my absence in Chicago during the Dedication Ceremonies. I thank you very much for the list you enclose. It is most interesting and I have no doubt it will prove to be useful.

Yours, very sincerely,

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Albany, N. Y. Nov. 3, 1892.

Sisters of the United Society of Believers,

at

Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co., N. Y.

Miss Anna White and other Sisters,-

Dear Mesdames:-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Women Managers of this State held last Tuesday, your protest against the closing of the Fair on Sunday was presented.

The members of the Committee express themselves as greatly pleased with the interest you have shown and the stand you have taken and they desire me to express their appreciation at receiving the sympathy of the Lebanon Community.

Yours sincerely,

Florence C. Ives.
Chief Officer.

102 Windsor Avenue, Hartford, Conn. Feb.24, 1903.

Miss Anna White,
Mount Lebanon,
N.Y.

Dear Friend,--

For I feel that we are all friends-- at the last meeting of the Equal Rights Club of this city I was appointed a committee of one to write to you and tell you how they all enjoyed your fine letter which I read to them. They all appreciated it to the full. After the meeting some one told me they had just discovered that I was a Shaker. Of course this was pleasantry, but I have always admired the Shakers. And your letter revealed to me--what I had not before got onto--that Shakerism is at one with the teachings of the Vedanta, one of the oldest philosophical systems in the world. It is at one with the Vedanta at least so far as the Motherhood of God is concerned.

I enclose you a couple of the Vedanta pamphlets, which I think you will be interested in. Their pamphlet, "Christian Science and Vedanta," is the best statement of Christian Science I have ever seen. Mrs. Eddy has made no new discovery; her method of healing is as old as the Vedas---3000 years at least. The Swami Abhedananda (this pamphlet on Christian Science is a lecture of his) does not denounce Christian Science as some critics do; he finds a good many good things in it as well as many weak points.

But the Vedanta Society (102 East 58th street, New York) have many interesting tracts and pamphlets.

Thanking you again for your kind and appreciative letter to our club,

Yours most sincerely,

Frances Ellen Burr

Secretary Hartford Equal Rights Club.

102 Windsor Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

Feb. 25, 1904.

Eldress Anna White
Mount Lebanon
Columbia Co.
N. Y.

My Dear Friend: —

For I feel that you
are such — I thank you
from my heart for all your
good thoughts, & for your
kindness in sending the dear
little books on the "Motherhood
of God." You have made a
rare little collection, & I
shall prize the little book.

I am perfectly willing to pay
for these you have sent, though
I see by your card that they

are a gift, & I do not wish to upset your kindness by sending money. But if the Club — some of them, at least — want more, they will send the money.

I know the ranks of the Shakers are thinning out, as they naturally must, unless they have new recruits from the outside world. But their ideas will not die out. The world has got to be spiritualized, which it cannot be on the present marriage basis — which, in the vast majority of cases, is simply an animal

basis, or worse than animal,
for the animals follow nature
without degrading it. As the
little book, "Through the Gates
of Gold" says:

"The god in man, degraded,
is a thing unspeakable in
its infamous power of pro-
duction. The animal in man,
elevated, is a thing unimag-
inable in its great powers of
service & of strength.

..... "But this power can
only be attained by giving the
god the sovereignty. Make
your animal ruler over yourself
& he will never rule others."

I thank you again &

again, & wish you & your
community all happiness
& spiritual progress.

I was out of town when
your package came, which
accounts for delay in
acknowledging it -

Yours most cordially
& fraternally,

Frances Ellen Burr