

December 18, 1913

My dear Davis:

You may have been looking for a further word from me in regard to our fellowship for the exposition of the religion of democracy. Holmes talked with Weirs in regard to the matter, and wrote me. I have had an interesting correspondence with him about it. He wants to be in on it, and as long as Rumball has backed out, I think we better put Holmes on the committee in his place. He is very enthusiastic, and endorses the "letter" in full. Since Holmes, Casson and Weirs agree to the phrase "universal religion" instead of "ethical religion," I think we had better stick to it. Your other suggestions will be embodied in the letter.

I think I wrote you that I had a very appreciative letter from Mr. Dole, but he did not absolutely agree to cooperate. He wanted me to write him again, but I have not had time to do so as yet. I shall try to get to that this afternoon. I have also been waiting to hear from you in reference to Fenn. I suggested to Holmes that it might be advisable not to mention any names at all in the first letter, in connection with the publication committee. I asked him to consult with Weirs as to this. What do you think about it?

I am necessarily slow in getting things started, partially because I have so much work of my own, and partially because of the necessity of doing all this business by correspondence. Casson and Holmes have written very fully in regard to not limiting our movement in any way to the Unitarian body, and I think myself that is just the attitude we ought to take. The more I think of it, your suggestion of a monthly publication appears to



be the best plan. I am more convinced than ever that a very large opportunity is open to us. What we are really trying to do is so much in line with Mr. Zueblin's attempt to organize a fellowship of ethical democracy that I feel sure we can count on his co-operation and help.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

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- Altho this was written with a bunch of other letters on the 18<sup>th</sup> I have just got around to look it over and the others over tonight. It is a shame to hear as I do - on the rush every minute. Some time I hope to hear rationally - all good wishes for the new year.

I have another letter from Holmes. He suggests that we do not refer to Publications in first letter. I agree - He says Fern is. A.K. Linley A.L. W.