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Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse,

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My dear Doctor:-

Your esteemed favor received, and read with much interest. I enclose you a letter that I received from Dr. Hyatt and a copy of my reply.

It must be very vexatious to leaders of thought like yourself who see so clearly the benefits and indeed the necessity of the humanitarian and progressive measures you stand for to know that you are chained to the inert mass of unprogressive voters. But I see no other possible hope except a patient and persistent inoculation of the voters with these ideas by an educational campaign.

It were indeed to be wished that the uneducated mass would take the view of the educated men who know what is for their interests. But they have never done so in politics or religion. The great leaders of the world have been thwarted and often abused and reviled when advocating measures for the purest interest of the people - measures which ultimately became the corner stone of civilisation. It was so with Socrates and with Christ, and we can not expect to win easily where they could not.

With highest regards and the compliments of the season,

Very truly Yours,

Walter Clark

P. S. I shall always recall with great pleasure meeting you at your father's house and my conversation with you. I hope to meet you oftener in the future and get the benefit of your ideas.

