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Dr. C. D. Smith,
Franklin, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I am obliged to you for your kindness in sending to The Forum your article on American cotton production and negro labor, but I do not think I ought to make room for it in The Forum in the present crowded condition of the magazine because the Negro question I think I have proved by the recent articles I have published has at last lost all interest at least for the people of the North. The sentimental considerations which used to promote great activity and arouse great interest in this part of the country in the subject, has about died away; and the working of natural economic forces seems now in a fair way to go on unhindered by such sentimental considerations as have been hitherto in the way. I find that there is a fast diminishing interest taken in the whole controversy.

I am none the less obliged to you, and I remain,

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Page