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"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH" -- SOLOMON

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Dear friend of---Chautauqua-?

I can never even try- to thank you for the splendid plea you gave in a letter to the Editor in the New York Times- in reagrd to Chautauqua-

I lived there before I came to New-York- and it is very dear to me- and I have tried in many ways to have our American people realize what Chautauqua had done for Internationalism- as well as for our own beloved America- The C.L.S.C. was a wonderful- home- builder- and higher values and visions- and also it made the way for the Carnagie Libraries to be accepted in ever so many countries-

Why are Americans so lacking in-appreciation of our own- for our own- and with our own folks- I am working as fast as possible- to see what we can send to Chautuauqa to attract audiences there this summer- and I see one channel- and that is- Art- and our artists-- and I do not see clearly yet- but feel that you will be able to suggest some plans- and your word is-- authority- and authentic- and you certainly do love Chautauqua-

I am trying to get the-Score- of John Howard Paines- Grand Opera- given at Covent Garden in London in the year of- 1823-- I think it was our first Opera- Nationa- any way- it was the first appearance of-''Home Sweet Home '' and isvery apro-pos for Chatuaqua- and I think will help some- to give it up there-

Just how we can present- Authors- and their Books-- and musicians and their music- and I know at one time, when money was needed there- Francis Wilson- told Charles Frohman- and Mr. Frohman sent a-Dramatic Co- up there and they played for a week- and brought immense audiences- and money- Mr. Frohman paid for the whole thing-

Perhaps the-NMovies-- have made people anxious to see the artist who play in the Movies- and I feel sure that many of them will gladly go there- and help our- Americans-- also- Will Rogers is a Methodist- and perhaps will go- he would draw crowds it seems to me- also- if you were to ask Mrs. Rosevelt to go there I feel sure she would grant your request-

I am working on many ideas- to get our American people to take as much interest in Americans as they do in --foreigners- and I feel sure they will- when a call ismade-

I am sorry to have written such a long letter- but do hope I may hear from you- and Ways and Means planned for our dear Chautauqua- Gratefully and very Americanly-

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