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Dear Mr. Moore:

I have been so busy for the last few days that it is only this morning I read your letter of February twenty third. I share your feeling of outrage over the exhibition the German American Bund made of itself on Sunday evening, February 20th. I believe with you that no one commits a crime by preferring Catholicism or Judaism to Protestantism.

Certainly it is not criminal to have a yellow or black skin. I detest racial and religious prejudice but I would much rather have those who feel it expressing their feelings even amicably than forced to suppress them. I do not believe that you can do away with malignant prejudices by passing laws against them.

Anything that seems to me to have a chance to be effective in this shameful outbreak against race and religion I am for. But I do not believe that it can be helped by the laws you propose.

*Protestantism*

Therefore I regret to  
say that I cannot join you in this  
letter to Mr. Howard.

Nothing but the slow re-  
demption of man's mind and heart  
can lift this weight of prejudice.  
I remember very well the pleasant  
visit I had with you ~~shehonyageme~~  
Perhaps you can come down again  
some time. I am off just now for  
some weeks.

Thanking you for your letter  
an regretting that I cannot subscribe  
to it, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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