



BISHOPSTEAD
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Dear Mrs. Wilson

Yours just reached me, and I had secured a copy of your book, and read it with the greatest pleasure. As this is the last day to get anything in the May number of our paper "The Palm Branch" I hurriedly wrote a little Commendation of your book & a copy will be sent you as soon as it is printed. Am sure a copy of your book & not have been sent to the Ch. papers, or they wd. surely have been impressed most favorably & have called attention to it. I expect the reason that poor Trout did not write you again was the same that led him to me - The having to wade in the water so much gave him so severe a case of rheumatism that the Doctors told him, if he did not give up that work he wd. be permanently laid aside. He was greatly disabled before he did give up & then went back to his old parish in Miss. Good Dr. Godden who has given his life to the work is still there, & having a fine influence over the Seminoles. I am seeking a successor of Mr. Trout & am sending a man there on trial that I hope will prove the right one - I am getting more & more hold on the Gov. My friend from youth Judge H. H. Lutton is now a Chief Justice of the U. S. & my correspondence with him & Senator Leliafero has had much to do with the appropriation for Seminoles improvement. I am to be in Washington in May & my friends will help me to get a portion used towards increasing the acreage, & getting not only more sections but contiguous ones, many intervening spaces not secured as it stands now - Instead of 23,000 acres there shd. be, at least, 100,000 - Since I secured that strategic point - the Landing Place where the store is, & the U. S. has given me control of that locality, we can largely control the situation & prevent the whiskey ever from getting in. The younger Seminoles are begining to realize that they must learn more & more the ways of a true Christian civilization. I mention God's blessing on you & all dear to you I am Yours very sincerely Wm. Craven Gray.