My dear Andrew,

Your letter is handed. The capital punishment of rats and its abolition I cannot see my way clear to join your view. I read Wright's speech on the subject with some feeling of disappointment. It appeared to me to lack the vigour of hope which characterises his general utterances. I thought his illustrations were tentative only of therefore very little in advance of theory. And further his method of disapproving of the question as laid down in the book of Genesis accounted to little more than putting the book on the shelf. This speech was shown some years ago. Has light may however be shed by more
modern explications. I should like to have read your Dr. Taylor's pamphlet but found not a copy at the house. I do not quite feel the positive force of your December 3. The parents' immediate relatives are not removed from the sphere of a breach of the 6th Commandment having been committed; by the fact that capital punishment has been abolished in a milder form. Moreover have not the feelings of the parents &c. of the victim been outraged to their extreme? Repeated by the culprit's voluntary act. Your No. 2 is to my mind more potent as an argument if it rests upon facts.
As to poetry. Did your remarks are forceful, but my own impression is that the majority are not much else than the “demolished” followers of the worldly-minded, self-seeking heroes. Those who would have been the heroes of the strife are either gone to the better land, or driven out of the pale by the action of an adventurer. It is only the other day I heard of an old opinion who was speaking regretfully of the fact that he found he could get but little help from the young men of the day in movements of aggression against what is wrong. And as would when they are such grasping
after mildly considerations as they are compelled to witness in connection with these combination acts. My opinion is that young men of the present day are only wise in having as little to do in making out organizations under parsonic rule as possible, i.e. if they value their own peace of mind. Once let them venture to dissent from the views of the priest and they become marked men. One thing it was glad to keep that the Judge from loose audience to stonic. Why should not both sides have heard on all questions? One
other point too was plan to
see evolved from the debate in
the Wides House - that Stonew
rigiis are concerned by the
Cor. Act, for it will take
a great deal to convince
me that the present body
do not "seek the young
child's life". I don't care
much about the old gent
captions spirit, but I am glad
to find that his interests are
Rape. The days of "thumb screw"
"futty stool" are gone, but the
spirit is not dead. The "peace
of God" as in former days
means "the steel gloved fist"
with many if they only
dare.
I thank you for your kindly reference to my poor dead husband. The little thought that the messenger of death was to give her first knock at her door, the source might cheerfully from you at Lambeau's gate. God knows only how my heart has been riven by this visitation. For 21 years we have journeyed along together. Her loving way towards me strewed my path with sunshine, and since she has left me I have felt something of the wilderness side of the
world. But I cannot write long upon this subject and therefore say no more. Remember me to Miss Clark and the other members of your family.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

30/9/78

P.S. Excuse any hurry,

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