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Dr. Anton Nyström
Dear sir.

Your letter is also mycket glädjande till mig! Now if you think there is a sufficient constituency here in Stockholm (and in Upsala and Göteborg) to render me some little support, and who are not afraid to hear the plain truth and the whole truth about the doctrine of the cross, I am ready to engage in the work. I had intended to give my lectures in English, but I can make out to give them in the Swedish language, only then I would be obliged to read them, instead of delivering them offhand. It would be well, too, to have them in Swedish, for I wish them to be published, in häftar, after they have been given as lectures. Is there any publisher here brave enough to undertake them? I find so much cowardice!

And can I depend to any extent on the liberal

press? Will they announce the lectures properly and give me good words at the start?

And are you willing to say a few words about me, at your lectures, and thus prepare my way? If you will give me the right-hand of fellowship and put me in connection with liberal people, I will lecture and work for this cause.

My position is this: I regard the Church as the root of all evil; the doctrine of the cross teaches misery, all forms of human suffering, discipline, poverty, - instead of happiness, human good, deliverance from evils, through rational views and a rational life. It makes men and women cowards, liars and imbeciles. My way of treating the subject is to show the utterly pernicious effect of the Christian doctrine, through social, political and moral life, how it renders progress, the true redemption, well-nigh impossible, how it perpetuates poverty and every social abuse. No one, not even Ingersoll, has treated the matter in just this way, or shown that the taint of this damnable religion lies in our very blood - that is the hereditary curse!

Yours sincerely

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