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STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Nov. 6, 1916

Rabbi A. Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Silver:

I suppose you have seen the enclosure, which irritated me so that I wrote a letter to Dr. Melamed, a copy of which I enclose. Of course you will pay no attention to such stupid and meaningless criticism.

I am terribly sorry that it became impossible for me to go to West Virginia and have part in the fight, but you will win without me and you might have lost if I had had part therein.

With hearty regard, and hoping to hear from you about the work you are doing,

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Wise

Nov. 6, 1916

Dr. S. M. Melamed,
The American Jewish Chronicle,
West 42nd St., City

My dear Dr. Melamed:

As one who is a well-wisher of "The American Jewish Chronicle", I know you will not take offense if I tell you that one of the really poor and disfiguring pages of your paper is that which is contributed from time to time by Dr. Reisin. This poor, sad stuff is quite unworthy of the general context of The Chronicle.

I am especially moved to write you about it, although as you know I have felt this for some time, because of Dr. Reisin's needless attack upon Rabbi Silver of Wheeling. Surely, you do not want The Chronicle to become an echo of "The Hebrew Standard" in the matter of cheap and shallow criticism. It is well that a paper should speak out against a man when issues are at stake, but nothing has disfigured the Jewish press of the country as has its personal and acrimonious note. Rabbi Silver of Wheeling happens to be one of the strong, earnest, gifted young men in the American Jewish ministry. He is a man who is going to count and go far in service. Incidentally, he is one of the few younger men in the American Jewish ministry who is an ardent Zionist.

Sincerely yours,