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Keene, New Hampshire, 1931.

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COURT STREET
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SALLY KINGSBURY PARSONAGE
25 COURT STREET - TELEPHONE 995-W

March 24, 1931

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

For the past two years five Protestant churches of our city have conducted a series of monthly union Sunday evening meetings. These meetings have demonstrated the fundamental unities of religion and have brought to the city speakers of various faiths. During the past winter each denomination secured a representative leader who spoke on the contribution of his particular group to the common faith.

We are looking ahead to another series of meetings next winter and we would like to have a Jewish leader as one of our speakers. I have been instructed to write to you as to the possibility of your coming to us for such a service. Of course, we could not meet the expense of bringing you from Cleveland just for that one meeting. It was thought that you might be in Boston or New York for some engagement during the winter and if so, that you could arrange to come to us at the same time. Our Union Forum meeting comes usually on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in November, but we can change the Sunday when it is necessary in order to accommodate a speaker that we want.

If there is a chance of your accepting an invitation to speak here what would you have to have as remuneration? Please write me frankly about the whole proposition. Your book, Religion in a Changing World, was reviewed in our Ministers Association, hence the desire to hear you.

Most cordially yours,

C. Raymond Chappell

Card ✓

March 27th, 1931.

Rev. C. R. Chappell,
25 Court St.,
Keene, N. H.

My dear Rev. Chappell:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 24th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address one of your monthly union meetings next Winter.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I can not get away from Cleveland on a Sunday evening as many of my congregational engagements are on that day.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of some service to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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