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Fremont, Nebraska, Nov., 29, 1905.

W. A. Colcord, Esq.,

Sect Religious Liberty Bureau,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I have the pleasure of informing you that in the case of the State of Nebraska against the base-ball players for violating the Sunday law, the jury brought in a verdict of not-guilty. This ends a bitter struggle for religious freedom. There was arrayed against me in this fight all of the religious organizations of the City and State, with the exception of course of the Seventh-day Adventists, but with the aid of the splendid literature sent to me by your society and Dr. W. S. Butterbaugh of Johnson, Nebr., I was able with my assistants to meet every proposition advanced. The ministers and ladies of the several churches attended the trial and they were completely overcome and horror stricken by my argument to the jury, which was a brief history and comment upon religious persecution and intolerance in this Country, and last Sunday I was bitterly denounced in several pulpits. One reverend gentlemen took upon himself the privilege of calling me an anarchist.

I have the consolation of knowing that they cannot put me to the stake, gibbet, or rack, as they gladly have done in the early days of our country. The verdict returned in this case is a grand stand taken, and I firmly believe it foretells the coming of a better day, a time when you and I will know that the splendid efforts made by your society have not been made in vain.

I desire at this time to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the interest taken, and of the assistance that you have been to me in this case.

I trust that I may hear from you.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. C. Cook.