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My dear Doctor:

Not answering your letter today; just putting a few stray thoughts through.

Sunday, Fred Chabot published in the EXPRESS an article about Yanguana being the first Indian village here; an elaboration of the statement he made at the meeting. I have not wanted to indulge in any publicity on that subject but it seems so futile and confusing to have a lot more erroneous declarations fed to the public, so I called on Grant, the Managing Editor of the EXPRESS. We are quite friendly. I suggested something should be stated to, at least, put the public on guard against too ready acceptance of such things. Now get Grant's attitude. Grant said Fred is destitute; he should have kept to his piano teaching. But he must live somehow, and this little society helps him to eat. So let's don't interfere with him. There isn't a soul in that society, Grant stated, that is a student of history but it is Fred's only way to live.

Grant then went on to state he was interesting himself in semi-modern history; he had found that the children and the grandchildren of people of that semi-modern period bought many papers when he published such history. He was "sicking" writers on to that sort of history; it was good circulation stuff. He was not interested in old Spanish; too far back, no circulation interest.

I have been told (this is second-handed talk), that Frank Huntress, the EXPRESS owner, also holds this Grant view, and is not interested in old Spanish history; doesn't think it of sufficient value to the city. I assume, from these things, that Grant probably considers Fred's 200 members will be good purchasers of the paper if he publishes Fred's stuff.

I think I have given you a fair analysis of our conversation and of the policy of the EXPRESS.

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