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Dear Sir

Genl. Lee even his friends must allow made however sincere, the most deplorable mistake in the stand he took during the most important events of the century

Does this stupidity peculiarly fit him to instruct youth?

Every enlightened Christian mind will ~~must~~ admit that his moral nature must have been sadly blind & depraved,

else he could not have
taken the side he did
in such a quarrel —

Does this fit him
to be a teacher?

Ten words from
him would have
prevented the horrors
of Andersonville
& Libby Prison: they
were never spoken —
This fact leaves him
a murderer —

Does such a
fact ~~it~~ show him
peculiarly fit to
be a teacher —

Clear your mind
of cant, specially
the cant of
magnanimity. Call
things by their right
names — then your
instincts will be
clear & true & you'll
not be left as so
many Americans are,
to not know right
from wrong —

I should as soon
set up a college
& put the life long
inmates of our
State Prison at its
head as police
there — I should
sooner far send
such a college funds
than send them
to one over which
Lee presided or
one in which Beecher
taught ethics

Wendell Phillips