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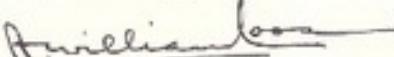
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You were most kind and gracious to take the time and energy out of your exceedingly busy life to write a poem for our book, RELIGIOUS FAITH AND WORLD CULTURE. All of us at the Church Peace Union are deeply grateful to you, and I am sure that our good friend, Samuel Guy Inman, joins us in these thanks.

I regret that I cannot read Spanish well enough to be able to fully appreciate the beauty and spiritual depth of "Lámpara de Catedral". I might say, however, that my wife has specialized in Hispanic languages; she read the poem and told me of its poignancy and religious power. You may be sure that I look forward eagerly to reading the translation.

With expressions of highest esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

  
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