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Hon.

Albion Tourgee
Dear Sir

I am making the south
my home for the winter, and am reading
and endeavoring to study the race problem,
here where one has such opportunities to observe
the positions of the colored people, nor that efforts
are being made by them to put forth all their
energy and ability and become something in
this their former land of bondage.

As one interested reading various opinions
and views on the subject, would be obliged to
you, could you kindly write me a brief exposition
of what in your estimation is the future of the



negro, admitting he is allowed free exercise of his ballot and voice at elections &c

at this place I saw for the first time in my life a colored Lawyer, by name of Fields, who holds position of Commonwealth attorney, and as far as have found out, is considered an able an efficient man.

Hoping to hear from you upon this interesting subject,

I remain, yr &c

Henry F. Lamb,

Hotel Warwick

P.S.

Seeing your name connected with articles in the paper on the matter, thought you were the one who could give me some information regarding question.