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Mr. Albert Tougee

Dear Sir

For a number of years I have read & admired your writings in the Chicago Inter Ocean. I do not claim to be possessed of superior wisdom but cannot help thinking that you are engaged in a vain attempt for the amelioration of the ills & wrongs of society & especially of the colored race & will continue to be so, until you fall into the ranks of the new party that is arising, whose motto is the Fatherhood of God & Brotherhood of man.

It is true the democracy has captured to a great extent at the South, yet the great principle that underlies it is at work & I cannot but think that if you will divest yourself of extreme party ~~views~~ views & examine into their platform & principles carefully you will see that the only hope for the downtrodden & oppressed among all classes is through it. You may not believe in a 'patent-block & tackle' to lift the world out of woe, but the old style only seems to be sinking it deeper & it is about time we tried another.

Yours with admiration J Osborn