San Luis Obispo
California
April 5 - 1891.

Albion W. Tourgee Esq
Mayville N.Y.
Dear Sir:
I have
not yet had the pleasure of
reading "Murvale Eastman"
but I have read notices of it
which in no wise me to send
you the enclosed papers
To you, who have so well
championed the cause of the
African bondmen, this broader
question of industrial slavery
must appeal with special
force. But to really reach
the evil we must have a
remedy as far-reaching as the
disease. "Christian Socialism"
seems to me to deal with the
effects, attack these but the causes
the single tax by freeing to all
and to all natural opportunities
strikes at the cause of undeserved
poverty. Respectfully, Francis M. Milne

THE MESSAGE.

" It is coming, it is coming !
I can hear it in the wind ! "

It floats across the prairies,
  With the balmy breath of spring ;
And field and forest hear it,
  With joyous welcoming,
From the pines of far New England,
  To the stately redwood tree,
The winds have brought a message :
  " The land shall yet be free."

To stifled city dwelling,
  Thro' alleys foul and dark,
It speeds upon its mission,
  Like arrow to the mark.
The heavy air is thrilling
  With life and hope to be ;
The winds have brought the message :
  " The land shall yet be free."

In Pennsylvania's mountains,
  The miner hears the sound ;
Where deep in earth's recesses,
  He plods his darkling round ;
But down the shaft it hurries,
  That breath of liberty—
The winds have brought the message :
  " The land shall yet be free."

On California's hillsides,
  The wreathing vines are bright
With clusters as of Eschol,
  To glad the toiler's sight.
And Earth to willing labor,
  Shall full reward decree—
The winds have brought the message :
  " The land shall yet be free."

Oh, hear ye not the message?
  A rushing, mighty sound ;
O'er ~~ocean~~ *continents* and ~~o'er~~ ocean,
  It speeds the world around,
Aye, unto far Australia,
  To the islands of the sea,
The winds have brought the message :
  " The land shall yet be free."

Sau Luis Obispo.   FRANCES M. MILNE.