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Albion N. Tourgee Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Your very interesting and instructive notes in the
Weekly Inter Ocean have induced me to send you a
short article in the Patriotic American, of this city, on the
subject of a national system free public schools. Hoping you
will give your views on this subject through the Inter Ocean, or
in some of our leading magazines. I have been deeply inter-
ested in our free schools for over 50 years, having taught on
the highlands of Vermont in 1838 & near Grand Rapids
Mich. in 1884. Circumstances induced me to take the
Mass. Common School Journal, edited by Horace Mann,
the first year of its publication, about 1841. At that time, many
of the more wealthy class sent their children to private schools
& academies. Mr. Mann showed them that it was suicidal,
to thus antagonize our public schools. The antagonizing
parochial schools were hardly thought of at that time.
I hope and trust that ~~the~~ the labors of this great educator
were not in vain. Many of our leading magazines are in
our noble public library. If you ever take up this subject in one
of these please send me a postal & inform me in what one.

Sincerely & Truly yours

Warren H. Hutchins.

D. G. A. several clerks in accident in 1884 has nearly destroyed my activities.