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"Why I am a Protectionist."

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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee

(Formerly of Ashland Co., O.)

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:—It seems to me great good can be done the Republican cause in Ohio in the pending campaign by the publication of short articles from the pens of our ablest leaders in answer to the question "Why am I a Protectionist?" The inquiry is intended to be broad enough to include any good reason, briefly and pointedly stated, for the success of Major MCKINLEY and the Republican ticket next November, and I address you to beg that you will favor the CITIZEN with a short communication at your earliest convenience and prior to August 1st at farthest. It is my intention to give these articles not only space in the CITIZEN but also to issue the entire series of 100 interviews in a handsome pamphlet and scatter them over Ohio in every town and township. Will you not kindly favor the CITIZEN with a brief contribution, 30 lines will do, on receipt of this circular or within the next thirty days without fail?

If you care to so favor me I would feel especially obliged were you to forward me a good cabinet photograph of yourself with your name written in heavy black ink across the front of it. I want to have a good cut made from it of both face and signature.

With profound respect and best wishes for Republican success, I am, sir,

Yours very truly,

Joseph P. Smith