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Manchester, Iowa.

Aug. 21" 1891

Albion Tourgee Esq:-

Dear Sir; You are very busy of course yet I hope you can spare time to read this letter, for I have long wished to tell you how much I admire your excellent articles which I find in the Fortes Ocean.

The "Notes" concerning the colored people seem to me to "strike home," and to have that quality so often lacking, "good, sound, common sense."

When I read your "Notes" in No. 22 I resolved to express

my pleasure and interest in your work, and also my hope that you will <sup>be able</sup> to wield the same vigorous pen until the colored race is free in deed as well as in name.

I should like to see a copy of some of the newspapers published by colored men, and as others might like to see them also, perhaps you will be kind enough to give the address of some of them in an *Inter Ocean* letter.

You seem to get so many things into those letters!

I was much interested in the story of Calvin Fairbanks, whom I had never <sup>heard</sup> of, until I read of him in your "Notes".

I hope that this letter

needs no excuse, for it has none except the thought that it gives us all pleasure to know that our work is appreciated, and that I do not believe in waiting <sup>in silence</sup> until my friends are dead, and then coming up to make a great ado over them.

So wishing you a long and useful life, and pleasure in your work I subscribe myself

your sincere friend  
(Mrs.) R. D. Blaisdell Thorpe