

Balto, 10/26, 91.

Mr. Albion W. Toussaint  
Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have read an  
interesting communication  
from you in the Chicago  
Inter-Ocean, last week's  
weekly issue. Pray  
allow me to suggest  
your paying a visit  
to New Orleans, & person-  
ally investigate the  
grievances of the colored  
people, who you are  
so earnestly interested in.

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I am satisfied you will find the true friend of the colored man is in the South; and that their rights are as fully secured and respected there as in any section of the North. The social equality of the black man is not acknowledged & will never be. This would be entirely degrading the white man to the level of the black man, which is a

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moral & physical  
impossibility anywhere  
on earth. I have  
witnessed a greater  
aversion in Boston &  
New York street cars  
to colored people than  
I even saw in Balto  
or any other city. -  
I can spare a few  
months the coming  
winter & carelessly  
look the South over  
taking in Balto, in your  
travels. We will wagen  
almost anything that

Tampa &

on your returning home  
you will see occasion  
to greatly reverse  
your opinions.

Very respectfully,  
W. B. Woods.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

I have lived at the South ~~from~~ from my 25 to my 40th year and several times since have taken the very course you advise. My convictions are based not only on personal study but personal observation of a breadth and thoroughness few men can equal. There is no such thing for any man as friendship without justice. — No Southern man can claim to be the Negro's friend who stands between him and his legal rights. —

Yours truly —