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Action to George J.
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My Dear Sir -

I have for a long time been a student of your
teaching in various forms. Being a colored
man, I am prompted by a special impulse of
growing interest and gratitude to acknowledge
the helpful influence of your writing in behalf
of a more righteous public opinion relative to
the negro states. You, perhaps, need no
additional evidence of the growing tide
of opinion that your position is eminently
just, and more harmonious than the utterance
of any other American on the Negro problem.
The "Bystander's Notes" is fast becoming more
and more ~~the~~ the forum that we all look
to for the proper, key or tone of discussion
and suggestion for a proper understanding
of our position. Nothing since the days of

Garrison, and Phillips contain in
our behalf ~~containing~~ so much that is heroic,
unselfish, righteous, patriotic and effective
as the Phillips's from Mayville. The in-
telligent discussion awakened by your
"Notes" is a most hopeful sign of an increasing
capacity to respond to an intelligent appeal
to reason and conscience. So keen is the
interest felt in your position that "By Standers
Notes" have become the texts for by-courses and
quizzes. The leading Colored Church of this
City was aroused to an interesting pitch
of enthusiasm ^{last Sunday} by a sermon suggested
your letter.

Hoping that I may in some way be an
agent to further your scheme for a "Citizens
Equal Rights Association" embracing
both women and men, I beg leave to

remain ~~and~~ Obediently and gratefully
J. Langhorne