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Hon. A. M. Touge
Mayville New York

Dear Sir - I take the liberty to address you in my capacity as Sec. of the Minnesota Civil Rights Committee - Assuming that you are fairly well acquainted with the nature of the work undertaken by the committee in connection with the Tennessee Separate Car Law -

I hardly need tell you that your noble efforts and utterances have been largely the inspiration which impelled us into this fight - a fight which we trust is on, to stay. We are all profoundly grateful, and, for your services in behalf of humanity and the rights of citizenship, we place you among the true benefactors of the race.

In furtherance of the cause, the Minnesota Committee is making arrangements for a great public meeting in this city - on the 17th inst.

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We hope to make it the signal for a series of similar meetings throughout the country - the purpose of the meeting being the agitation of the questions discussed in your "A By-stander's notes". We want on that occasion to sound a note that will arrest attention throughout the land, and have secured as speakers Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul and J.A. Straker of Detroit Mich.

Nothing would please us so much as to have you speak for us, but we fear that even could you consent to tax yourself to that extent - we could not meet the expense incurred, consequently - we will content ourselves with this statement of our programme and making the request of you that you will write us a letter to be read if practicable or else published with the report of the meeting next-day. The use we desire to make of the letter will indicate by its character and extent. Are we asking too much?

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We who are allied by blood and condition with this outraged race - know full well its shortcomings & its possessors' stalwart virtues: it also has its great weaknesses; but it is our race, we are bound to fight for its deliverance in the face of ingratitude, indifference, dishonesty and selfishness and even disloyalty on the part of some members of the race. These manifestations discourage us at times - but as we, individually, must sink or swim with the race - the instinct of self-preservation - if no nobler sentiment - compels us to keep up the fight. It is another matter however to ask those of another race to help us fight. The Garrison-Phillipses, John Brown (there is but one John Brown) and others who have martyred themselves, had nothing to gain - except the "well done faithful servant" of their consciences - and everything to lose.

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It is always humiliating to me to solicit aid of that clan, in the face of the indifference of some of the favored ones of our own — to task others to make sacrifices which we ourselves are not always equal to. We can only do so with some degree of grace when we remember that the wrong we suffer is at the hands of that same clan; then we say, it is only just that they should become fellow sufferers with us, and walk with us for our common deliverance. In spite of that fact however, it is none the less noble in those who voluntarily take up the cross in expiation of the old wrong.

My professional work occupies so much of my time that I have very little left to devote to my duties as Secretary of the Committee. Otherwise I should be pleased to bring to your notice, evidence of the high appreciation we have for your labors in our behalf — I desire to do this, all the more

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Because of the fear that such expressions are not-
always forthcoming from the sources from which they
should most be expected. But I am making too
long a letter, and must conclude by saying that
we would be delighted if it were possible for you
to speak here, you would find an enthusiastic
welcome, and an occasion where your utterances
would have the greatest value.

Hoping you will be able to write us a letter
I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you
the deep obligations we are under for your
splendid services in our behalf -

Very respectfully,
Yours,

L. A. Hazel
Sec.

133 E. 5th St.