

Washington, D.C. Dec. 2nd. 1891

Dear Mr. Toussie,

Yours of Nov. 30th
has been forwarded to me here,
and I send you immediately
these few lines of response. I
shall write to you more fully
when I return to Phila., the latter
part of this week

If I can be of use as a
member of the Ad. Coun. of the
Nat. Lat. Rights Ass., I shall be
pleased to be nominated there,
and shall try to serve its in-
terests to the best of my ability.
Though I do not know what
fitness there may be in me for
such a position, as the opportunity

for such work has never before presented itself. I shall, however, do my best.

Much may be said of the apathy of the colored people of the North. Touched slightly on this and one of its causes in the first letter which I had the honor to write to you. In this special case, however, there is that which must be said in extenuation if not in excuse of the lack of response from the colored people of the Eastern and Middle States. They have not heard of the movement. You speak through the medium of a western paper and the people of that section are within easier call than those farther away, whose newspaper

literature does not include the great journals of the West. A couple of weeks ago in Phila. I was unable to find an Inter-Ocean on any news stand, nor was it on file in our public reading room.

As far as I could find, news of the organization had not reached Washington, and I was the first to introduce it to a number of colored men of prominence, from whom much help may come. In a few days, I hope to send you some names from this city and from Phila. Since I spoke to my friends here, a colored western paper, containing a reference to the matter, has been received, and this will attract the attention of many whom I cannot reach. Your idea, I take it, will leap to the colored people, through the somewhat narrow channel of colored papers, and right there may be found a large opportunity for distortion of

purpose and general misunderstanding of aim. That suggests to me, a thought. How would you like me to write a full, clear statement of the thing and what it stands for, and have it published in some one periodical which is seen by colored people in all sections of the United States?

I may not be altogether unfit for the task, as it would be in a line with my daily work. I conduct two Septs - one in one of Phila's largest newspapers, the other in a periodical for children - and do occasional work for other papers. [I may say right here that all question of a personal character, contained in your first letter, I shall answer fully when I return home and can have access to said letter]

The A. M. E. Review is the magazine most widely known amongst colored people, and

think that they would most heartily
welcome such an article. It is a
quarterly, and if you approve of
my suggestion, I should like to
hear from you immediately, as the
next number is due in Jan. I
return to Phila. on Saturday next
if nothing prevents.

With best wishes, my dear sir,
I am

Yours very truly

Frederic A. Lewis

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee

Wayville, N. C.