

I venture to send you a clip cut from
the Editorial page of the *Review*,
"that you may see that we
mean what we said, that we were
ready to aid in the good work. Our
columns will be here in short notices
should you wish to avail yourself
of them. I send a dollar to help on the
work. Yours or Yours Verisimilium Force.

"I am a republican, couldn't be any-
thing else. That is the only party ever
promised our rights and they didn't
give it. * * * It was a great mis-
take to set the negro free, if things are
to go on this way. The government
gave him no house to live in; no land
to till; but left him just as weak as a
naked baby. Then say to him 'Vote!'
Southern men threaten to kill him if
he vote republican ticket. Then gov-
ernment turn away and say, 'Look out
for yourself! I can't help you!' That
isn't what we say when you wanted
help. My father ran away and fought
in the army—brave as any white man.
Last year they took his vote away—af-
ter he had been voting 22 years—300,
000 more colored voters. So.

"Northern man thinks negro and re-
publicans free, here at the South. If
there is any liberty here, wish he'd
come an' point it out. The worst is they
take away our ballots and then every-
thing else follows. Rent goes up and
wages go down. Seven dollars an acre
rent for land; then pay four and a half
dollars a bale to gin cotton. Wages
less and less and more uncertain. If
there is any Christian people up North
who believe what they pretend to, I
think they better wake up."

We have given above the words
of a colored man, written to Mr.
Albion W. Tourgee, at Mayville,
N. Y. They explain the situation
of affairs in the South. We
would arouse the readers of THE
REVIEW to a contemplation of the
state of things in that section, and
urge them to join with thousands
of others in forming an organiza-
tion which shall demand that the
evils told of in the letter must
cease, and that every citizen of the
country shall have free and equal
political rights. There is now a
lull in political discussions, and
people can turn their thoughts
to matters not strictly partisan
in nature. It is a fact that in
nearly every one of the states late-
ly in rebellion, the negro citizens
are not given their civil rights.
They are allowed no voice in the
government of national, state,
or municipal affairs. They are
not permitted to ride in the same
railroad car as a white man. They
are given little or no education,
when it is in the power of the
whites to prevent. They are
charged outrageous rent for land,
and kept in debt all the time by
a system of overcharging for the
use of machinery, and for goods
at the stores. If they rebel,
under great provocation, the mi-
litia is called out and they are
shot down like dogs, or cowed
into submission. In Mississippi
they are disfranchised, by laws
designed to take away from them
the right to vote. A convention
was called in that state to revise
the constitution, and it considered
for many weeks on a plan to dis-
criminate between white and
black men when it came to vot-
ing. It will be remembered the
law was arranged so that if a
negro cannot read any paragraph
of the constitution, or tell the
meaning of a section to the satis-
faction of the white election
judge he cannot vote. So even
if he can read, but cannot ex-
plain, he is disfranchised. The
ignorant white who cannot read,
has no difficulty in satisfying the
judges that he knows the mean-
ing of the section they question
him about. So the scheme works
to perfection, and the negro can-
not vote.

It is proposed to form a Na-
tional Citizens' Rights Associa-
tion for the purpose of having
an organization through which
the feelings of the people can
be expressed in relation to the
manner in which colored citizens
of the United States are treated.

Lists for members are being cir-
culated all over the United States
to-day, and the loyal, law abid-
ing citizens of Crawford should
take part in the movement.
Readers of the Chicago Weekly
Inter Ocean, or the edition of Sat-
urday which arrives here on Sun-
day, will have noticed "A By-
stander's Notes." All who have
read these articles from week to
week will be fully informed as
to the situation of affairs in the
South, and will need no second
urging to join the association.
Now is the time to act, and we
ask a large response. The move-
ment should not fail. We are
proud to be a member and ask
that others join. There is no cost
attached to becoming a member
except the price of a two-cent
stamp, which will be used to
send to each member a certificate
of membership. Here is the
form to be signed. Either send
your name direct or to this office
for enrollment:

I wish to enroll my name as a mem-
ber of the National Citizens' Rights
Association for the legal assertion and
protection of the rights of American
citizenship, and hereby pledge my aid
and support in extending its member-
ship and promoting its patriotic pur-
poses.

Name
Postoffice
County
State
ALBION W. TOURGEE,
Mayville, N. Y., Nov. 18.