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Hon. Albion W. Towner,
Editor The Basis,
Dear Sir:

In your
issue of July 13th. You
state that in a recent
lecture at Chautauque, I
said "In our large cities
one man in sixteen owns
his home, the other fifteen
have presumably no home
life." Permit me to in-
form your readers that
I am not responsible
for any such statement.

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What I said on that point
was as follows: "According
to the census of 1890, 66 %
of the population living
on farms own their homes;
in the smaller cities about
36 %; in cities of 100,000
and upwards the average
is about 23 %; in Boston
18 %; in New York, the
largest ^{city} of all, 6.33 %.
While it is true that a
home may exist even in a
Tenement house, it is fair
to assume that the larger
the tenement, hotel and restau-
rant population is, the
smaller will be the ^{proportion} ~~number~~
of homes." *

Again you say: "In the
assumption that environment
alone can amend conditions,
Dr. Strong &c." Inasmuch as
environment is the aggre-
gate of surrounding con-
ditions it is difficult
to see any meaning in the
above sentence. I made
no such assumption.

Once more, you wonder
that "Dr. Strong should not
have realized that God
has not left the future
of humanity hopelessly
bound to the non-prosumus
which he declares, when he

says that inheritance
can be only overcome by
environment." I said
nothing of the kind and
believe nothing of the
kind. Indeed I have
written at length to
disprove the error which
you have attribute to
me, as you will see if
you care to refer to
"The New Era" pp. 118, 119.

Yours very truly,

Josiah Strong.