

Personal

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 4, 1896.

A. W. Tourgee Esq.,

Mayville,

New York.

My dear Mr. Tourgee:

Yours of the 30th ultimo is at hand. I have read all you say with interest. It is a touching record which ought to inspire northern men to help such a magnificent fight as Martinett and his associates are making. I also read the Crusader with interest; but to make the matter short, I am struggling with my own printing establishment in New Hampshire which is not making money and requires a large capital and absorbs all my means. Never, in thirty years, have I been so little able to aid other people. My charity contributions, commencing with the first of January, 1896, have been reduced to a minimum, indeed, almost to nothing.

I will call the case to the attention of some of the active Recd Republicans, but it is almost a hopeless case to appeal for northern money to help southern Republicans.

I take this occasion to assure you of my admiration and respect for your consistent and courageous work during these

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years for the down-trodden colored citizens and white Republicans of the south. Little by little an impression is being made upon the public mind; although on the other hand, there are the lynchings which seem more numerous than ever, so that on the whole it does not seem as if we made any moral advance. Yet again, we may be nearer the goal than we think.

*I am over 60 now and
getting feeble*

Wishing you success in your own undertaking, I remain,
The Basis

Truly yours,

W. E. Chandler