

FRANKLIN FILE, 1285 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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Albion W. Tourgee--

Dear Sir: Will you write for me a thousand words on the subject of "An improved man"? It would be published in connection with contributions on the same subject from the Rev. Dr. McCosh, of Princeton College, Prof. D. B. St John Roosa and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. What I aim at is a discussion of the respects, either physical or mental, as to which the average man is weakest, and which in an ideal man would be different. Of course the brevity of the articles precludes the treatment of more than one idea; but I should be very glad indeed if you would choose a feature of the subject, and send a thousand words to me within a week. I enclose a check for \$10.

Yours truly,

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