

My dear Sir: if am afraid I should hardly have found the time to decipher your letter, the more especially, as I have to be somewhat careful of my vision; but Mrs. Torgue deciphered it for me and I am very glad to know that earnest-minded people like you are thinking of these things. Offense you understand that this post-bellum conflict for right and justice has been a very dis-
couraging one to me. I have stood practically alone speaking only to the "silent" North, the hearts who are almost afraid to question the wisdom or completeness of what was done and who seem to be almost unable to realize that the colored man is of any importance or has any claim on civilization ~~at~~ since he has ceased to be a slave.

I have kept right on ^{such letters} and yours which show me that sometimes sticks fire, do me a great deal of good.

I realize, I think more fully than almost any one else, the upthrust and the danger likely to result from it of

our Northern people and especially
of the Republican party. Yes I think there
are signs that some are awakening
to a realizing sense of the destruction.
The New York Tribune, which has been
at the head of the mercenary branch
of the Republican party has finally been
compelled to face the facts and is
now taking pretty broad grounds
in favor of righteousness and
justice. I am to have two articles
(10,000 words) in the semi-weekly
very soon, which are at least
outspoken and comprehensible.

I am just now correcting
the proof of a new book, "Fac-
tulus Prime," which will be out
in a few days, from the press
of "Levell & Co, New York," pre-
sents a new view, of the subject,

as well as some old ones in a
new light. I expect it will raise
a row and am having my back
copper-bolted in anticipation
of consequences. This time, curiously
enough, I expect to get the worst
of the "cursing" from the North. If
it, I must confess, ~~is~~ a terrible
arraignment of Christianity, or
more properly ~~Christianity~~ American
Protestantism, since Catholicism
has never professed anything of
that sort. I am almost terrified,
sometimes, as I read now in cold
type the words I wrote in the fu-
rid glow of angry denunciation
of wrong a year ago. I cannot
see, however, but they are all
true. So I will let them stand
and take the curses that will be

rained on me when it appears.

Your objection to the educational bill is a frequent one but what is to be done? The states will only have separate schools. You may say, "Let the Union establish its own schools." Well enough, if it would — but while we wait and do nothing, still another generation of the colored race grows up in ignorance. Now, separate schools are not a positive wrong; they are only bad policy — double expense. A colored man is not wronged on Trent if on one corner is a white school and on the other a colored one. The wrong is when there is none. Is it not better to give this much-wronged soul food

then have it storm while we quar-
rel about the whether it shall
be fed out of the same spoon
as another of ~~some~~ ^{the} same pattern
as the white baby? My objection
to the Blain Bill is not one
of method but of results.
It will fail to enlighten
to give the colored equal
schools in fact.

(I think as you do, that if
northern men, Northern Repub-
licans and Republican presidents
would express a determina-
tion to do whatever can
be done, the results would
be much better.

Hoping you may live to see better
times and better prospects as well as better
health.

Yours truly, A. W. P.