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(Kindly excuse dictation, & typewritten letters.)

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My dear Mrs. Turgoo:—

Will you kindly convey to the Judge my thanks for his last book, "Pastoral Prisons". I sat up last night until 12 o'clock reading it, and only went off to bed at the warning voice of my good wife. I was deeply interested in it, of course, and found it a stirring and agreeable intellectual change from the sort of work I have been doing this winter, in carrying forward my magnum opus, "The American Spiders and their Spinningwork".

I do not know what to say about the book, except that strong as the language seems to be at times, particularly the bitter phrases associated with the "White Christ", I am sure it will do good. I sympathize to my fingers' ends with Prince's terrible denunciations of the injustice of the color caste as it exists amongst us. It is abhorrent to the spirit of Christianity; it is opposed to the catholic instincts of the human family, which Scripture and Science agree in tracing to one common stock; it is opposed to the natural sentiments of humanity, for the vast majority of the families of the genus Homo know no such discriminations;

it is a child of prejudice and education, a malformation issue of a most unnatural parent; it is destructive of national unity and peace, and of social fraternity and order. It is not simply un-religious, but anti-religious, and I join hands with Judge Tourgee in the attack which his book has made so vigorously against it.

I hope that *Castles* will have a large circulation. In our nation has been false to its principles and its traditions in its dealings with the colored man, and I have been abusing the Republican party for the last twenty years for its Judas-like treatment of the black man. If ever Republicans have been cowardly and faithless <sup>it has been</sup> in their attitude toward negroes of the South. Judge Tourgee's book, I sincerely hope, will prove a trumpet blast to awaken their sensibilities. The battle for liberty needs to be fought again at the hustings in every county of every southern state. Our next campaign should be in the hands of men of high and devoted principle. Our money should be used for sending speakers through all States. I am sure that in such a conflict there should be no more of the kind we have been doing lately. However, I am falling into a political rut, and I beg you to excuse me for this. I like the book immensely. That is enough, perhaps, for me to say.

With kindest regards,  
Sincerely,  
G. W. Brown