

37 Park Place,
Saratoga Springs

N.Y. Aug 2, 1890,

Judge Albion Tourgée.

My dear Sir,

I send you
by this mail a copy of the
"Christian Union" and call your
attention to a letter from R,
E. Blackwell, entitled, "The Negro
and The Force Bill" which I
hope you will read and reply to
through the same channel.

I have had some experience in
these matters, as I served in
the army, and helped organize
several of the colored regiments,
and know something of such
men as Mr Blackwell.

He seems to be honest in his statement, and his admissions are certainly frank, but when he asserts that the attempted enforcement of the Lodge bill, or one similar, would revive the Ku Klux times so vividly described by you, in "Bricks without Straw", it seems to me the attempt had better be made to find out whether the national government has any power to protect the rights of its citizens, or whether it must see the State rise in its superior might and say, "Thus far thou shalt come and no farther. We will regulate the question of the election of the national representatives that we send you, without any interference

from you," as the same speaker whose head we crushed for thought we did, "twent' five years ago, and his tail has been spinning ever since, and it seems to get more vigorous with time, now, now the scene is set out parted to its head. Exercise the length of this letter but as an old soldier, these things make my blood boil, and these Blackbills, or Blackbills should understand that the kind of freedom our government gave back to them after they had forfeited their rights by treason, do not mean license to do as they please, and if they will not be gentlemen, and see that every American citizen has fair play, there are enough of us left

who will. I had the pleasure of meeting you when
at my brother's, who is preaching in your town and
whom I believe you know well, and knowing your
experience and familiarity - with this question I
hope you will use your pen, in this case, and
if you are not acquainted with the Editors of the
Christian Remedy, ^(his daughters know you well) you will send it to me I think
I can get it published by them. My wife who is
as warm an admirer of your writings, ^{I, as myself,} sends her
regards.

Very Sincerely Yours
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