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Hon. A. W. TOURGEE,

MAYVILLE, N. Y.

My Dear Sir,-

For the last four or five years there has existed in the city of Buffalo a little club call the Fortnightly based on about the same idea as the Nineteenth Century Club in New York City. We meet at different houses on the first and fifth Fridays of the winter months for the purpose of discussing the leading questions of the day. We have had the pleasure of welcoming Prof. Goldwin Smith, Hon. Andrew D. White, Prof. Groundlund the Socialist, Wm. D. Howells, and other leading men who have taken a deep in one or more what may be called the great questions of the present day.

We thought of discussing this negro question at one of the meetings this winter and knowing the deep interest you take in the subject take the liberty as Chairman of the Topic Committee to ask if you could not come to Buffalo and be present at the meeting.

If you will do me the honor to accept my hospitality I shall be delighted to have you as my guest while you are in Buffalo. Of course your railroad expenses, etc., we should insist upon defraying.

The meetings are held at the houses of the members and I think I can promise you a pleasant time, and an extremely appreciative audience. The programme is something like this The person, who may be called the expert states his views of the situation.

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We have perhaps one or two articles read, but not always. After that, each member of the Club is allowed 5 minutes to express his opinion or to ask questions.

Would you kindly inform me if it would be possible for you to accept this invitation and if so when you would probably be able to come as we have to arrange our topics for the coming winter as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

*W. A. Richmond*

P.S.

A lame am must be my apology for using typewriter.