

Hillsdale N.Y.
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Personal

My dear Judge Tourgee:-

Your letter of the 25th ult
rec'd. You certainly must have "pluck"
indeed, to stand up under our load.

If a fair question, I would like to know
whether the proceeds from the sale of your books
go toward diminishing said indebtedness,
also whether it is possible to wipe it out in that
way? You have friends enough in
the country to lift that burden, but whether
you would consent to such a course
is another matter.

I have never met the Pres. of Berea
College, though I know of him, and had
heard that he was a relative. Bro. Lee
is a Moses in meekness, but has no busi-
ness capacity. He told me last summer
that they wanted to get you to come, he
and the Pres. "stand together on all questions"
but have a strong opposition, backed by the
American Missionary Society. They have

always had a strong opposition in the Church and negro questions." Bro. Lee has always had the misfortune of gathering men around him who invariably straddled the fence, to watch for the safe side to fall to, and he was very nearly snowed under when Pres. Fairchild died.

With the advent of the new Pres. Lee came to the top again. They can well afford to pay your price, by cutting off some of the small men; they have, and sound & business principles would thus direct, for they spend too much money for the amount of work done, but they are always in need of money, and that fact may give the opposition a good excuse to cry extravagance.

The above may throw some light upon the matter. I hope that they can have you.

I thank you for your frank letter which makes plain several matters. I shall see the N.A. Review. My first vote was for Grant, and it was the last until Harrison stirred the loyal heart of the Nation, as it had not moved since 1860. If he goes to the Country on the same issue he will be elected, other wise the party is dead for ever. Sincerely - J. T. Robinson