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Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear friend and brother:--

This letter will introduce to you my young friend, Jerome H. Raymond, of Chicago, who has just returned from a trip of eighteen months, during which he has made the world-voyage and acted as private secretary to Bishop Thoburn, perhaps the man who among all others in India has the strongest hold upon the people from the educational, philanthropic and reformatory side. Mr. Raymond is a graduate with high honor of Northwestern University, at Evanston, and has had much experience as a writer, his predilection being strongly for journalism. Having been acquainted with him five years or more, during which time he has served me admirably as a stenographer and private secretary, I can recommend Mr. Raymond as a young man of the highest character and the purest habits, with a genius for self-reliance and achievement, backed up by most exceptional mental ability and fine qualities not only of head but heart. He has a plan which he has been laying before Lady Henry Somerset and me, and in which we are deeply interested. We have promised to be contributors to his magazine, soon to be established in Chicago, and I am confident you will be glad to hear about the enterprise to which he is devoted, and to give him of your abundant good will, good word, and influence. I am also sure that you, like Lady Henry and me, will be glad to do so much for the larger development of literary interests in the West as to promise the gift of one or two articles to serve as a send-off to this new undertaking, and to recommend other contributors who you think would be willing to do the same, because our young journalist's capital is not in the bank, but consists chiefly in brains and pluck. It is easy for those who have "feathered out" themselves to help furnish wings to our younger brothers and sisters who are beginning their flight in the wide, bright skies of reform in literature, art, and life. This is about what I hope your generous heart may be willing to do in the present contingency. For what are we here, except to help each other and humanity in general?

Believe me,

Yours with all good wishes,

Frederic Lowell