

Janesville Rock Co. Wis.
Judge Tourgee - Apr. 8/92 -

My Dear Sir

I am an old fashioned lifelong Abolitionist. a Cong. Minister, now over 50 yrs old - retired, & in very poor health -

I can only be an onlooker of the ' fray ' as it still goes on -

I agree with you in all the seen of what you have written on this question of the present rights of the colored people (the ex-slaves) & the fearful culpability of all political parties, & the partisan leaders, in their present purpose to abandon them to the tender mercies (&) of their old masters &c. I see only another Cyclope of Divine wrath gathering to overtake such perfidy - Must it be!
I've been meaning for some time

To send you my name, & my dollar
to join your "Freedom League" -

To show, if nothing more, on which
side I am - Tho' I don't see just very
much that you will accomplish
by it - I must admit the prospect
looks very dark to me - Only, the
Lord Jehovah yet reigns - "God is
not dead" - but Oh, can this Nation
again stand this "Fire trial"!

I'm moved just now to these words
to you of reading in "The Advance"
of 7th inst. their Criticisms of you -
as you are reported to have said lately
that you "did not see how the colored
folks could be Christians"
They are down hard upon you for so
saying - But I say you are per-
fectly right - You do not imply that
the thing is impossible - but you do
mean that the obstacles put in
this way of the treatment they are
occasioning at the hands of even the pro-
fessed Christianity of this land, both North

South, ^{comes} so just as near to making it
impossible, as anything can possibly
be - human nature being what it is
in both white & black -

In Slavery days the slave could not
be a Christian till he had first
utterly repudiated the Christianity
that sanctioned holding him a
Slave - and now, it requires first
the absolute repudiation of that
Christianity that justifies, palliates,
or fails by every possible means, to
obscure & overcome the present de-
nial of his just & equal rights -

I ask myself in astonishment
how can the Christian conscience
of the North, even the best of it, be
so stupidified & stultified to the gi-
gantic wrong & cruelty being
this moment heaped upon the
entire colored population of the
South! Jariffs & Silver, are of great
moment! but men & souls are
of no consequence! The Crisis came
before, when all politicians, & all
members of all parties, including
the Christians - except the handful of

abolitionists) said, 'we can do no
more against slavery - let us drop
from politics' (as Horace Ford said)
& I think it will come again, when
in this approaching Campaign, the
Republican party will, as I expect,
continue even the more plainly, to
excuse itself from actually doing
anything to secure to the colored
citizens of the nation their rights.

You are making a fallacious fight
against this result - but you will
fail! The old Whig doctrine of
availability - the least of two evils -
expediency versus right - this will
be too strong for you -

With even the "Edoance" against
you, you will not rally enough
True Republicans to stem the tide.

And finally my dear judge - when
the "Convention" has been held - the
nominations made - & the Platform
adopted, giving no sign for the colored
man! Then what will you do?

Will you vote with them again "not-
withstanding all"? & advise me to?
I shall not do it - Very respectfully yours (Rev.) W. Frost