

1312 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Illinois,

April 12, 1892.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

My Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith a letter of introduction from Miss Willard, which I had hoped to present in person, but which circumstances prevent me from doing. I shall therefore have to say to you in writing what I had hoped to say in person.

A literary friend and myself are about to start a magazine in Chicago. We hope to have the first number out by the first of September next. In character it is to be distinctly literary, with no special hobby. We hope to make it a magazine for the people,-- a popular monthly, but of a high tone. We have a large list of literary friends who have promised us their aid and support, and Miss Willard thought you might allow us to add your name to that list, which already includes such names as Frances E. Willard, Lady Henry Somerset, Julia Ward Howe, Mary Hartwell Catherwood, Dr. L. T. Townsend, Emily Huntington Miller, Dr. P. S. Moxom, and many others.

Our financial capital is sufficient to carry the magazine and its necessary accessories, so far as the mechanical part is concerned, until such time as we can reasonably expect some income; but it would be impossible for us, with our limited capital, to pay the contributors at first what their contributions would be worth, for we are aiming at the highest literary excellence. We are therefore asking our friends to help us in establishing the magazine by contributing one or two articles free, after which we shall be in a position to give them something more than thanks. Will you be one who will be thus generous? You could help us very materially, and I can assure you we would appreciate your assistance. Chicago has no literary magazine,--a lack which its people deplore. Counting on our own

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large list of literary and other friends in the city, and the esprit du corps which exists in our western metropolis, we are confident of support if the enterprise is fairly launched under favorable circumstances.

We intend to issue a prospectus in May, and are anxious to have it include a reference at least to all our contributors who have agreed to help us up to that time. We should be glad to have an article from you for one of the early numbers, of whatever nature you may choose, and if you see your way to favor us to this extent we should like to know, if possible, what the subject will be, at least approximately, so that we can include it in our prospectus. We should also like to be allowed to insert your portrait and a sketch of your life in our prospectus.

I trust that you will pardon me if I seem to ask too much. Of course I should not have ventured to address you in this way had not Miss Willard emboldened me to do so.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Jerome S. Raymond*