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Conway Arkansas

May 2nd 1892

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee

Mayville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Will, you,
please Publish the
following remarks
in behalf of the
Negro. in the South;
whose Cries, and blood
are going up to
Heaven as Memorial
before god. Day &
night. I see that a
Delegation of Colored
men, had had an
inter view with the
President of the

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United States
& he claims to be
powerless. What
do. The Constitution
of the United States
say - What do the
fourteenth & fifteenth
Amendments of the
United States
guarantee to us -
Regardless of Race or
color. Our People
are killed day &
night & the President
says he (cant) prevent
it, what are we to do.
Poor Negroes cant
get no. protection.
They are traveling.

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from place to
place. hunting
protection & I
Thousands are dying
on the road. Oh:
what shame before
god. I see Old
fathers & mothers.
Whose hair are as
white as snow &
aged a bout 75-80.
years on their ways
to Oklahoma, T. They
say they came from
Memphis Tennessee.
They were a bout 400
of them, they are a
walking. begining bread
as they go. & all

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Dying on the
Road. They say they
~~are~~ leaving Memphis
because the white people
whippin & killed them
when ever it suits
them to do so. They -
also states ^{that} the white
men, are taking the
colored women &
whippin them, to make
them, sub, due, to their
lust, as they did ~~before~~
the war. in the name
of god, what, shall we
do. Oh, god how long
shall this go on.
Are there no power in
these 44. States to put.

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down this high
handed proceedings.
The plays of the General
Epistle of James are
now at hand, which
reads as follows,
Behold the hire of
the labourers who have
reaped down your
fields which is of
you kept back by
fraud crieth and the
cries of them which
have reaped are entered
in to the law of the
Lord of Sabbath
ye, have lived in
pleasure on the earth
& been wanton ye, have

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nourished your hearts
as in a day of
slaughter, ye have
condemned & killed
the just & he doth
not resist you,

Please Publish this
letter in your next
issue.

Yours truly
W. J. 1178

THE INTER-OCEAN IN MISSISSIPPI.

PURDY, Tenn., May 5.—*To the Editor.*—I have been more than twenty years a missionary in the Southern field of the Methodist Episcopal Church, most of the time in Tennessee, but more recently among the white people of Mississippi. It has been an agreeable surprise to find so many who subscribe for and read THE WEEKLY INTER OCEAN among the white Republicans of Webster and adjoining counties. They find it to be a source of strength and encouragement in their stanch and heroic struggles against the despotic Bourbonism that rules the State.

In common with multitudes I have read with interest a "Bystander's Notes," but feel constrained to dissent from his criticism on President Harrison in the weekly issue of May 3, in which he classes him with those whom he terms "Federal tuttilists," and having referred to Chief Justice Taney and President Buchanan as the great "futi ists," continues: "It is sad, indeed, to note the similarity between the words of President Harrison to a committee of colored citizens demanding protection of the citizen's rights, and the language of President Buchanan to a people demanding protection for National unity."

This I regard as wholly unjust to a faithful, conscientious Executive, who has given ample proof of his readiness to go to the utmost limits of his prerogative in affording protection and help to all the citizens of the Nation, but who is fully cognizant of his limited power as Chief Magistrate to gratify the impulses of the humane patriot and true American citizen.

I have a high appreciation of the wide and varied knowledge of Judge Tourgee and his ability as a political writer, and would be glad to learn of him or any one else how the President of the United States can exercise his authority in any direct way for the prevention and punishment of the crimes and wrongs so justly complained of by our colored fellow citizens of the South.

I believe he has requested that he may be kept informed of the recurrence of these crimes, and has promised to do all in his power to influence public sentiment and also appeal to the authorities of States where these unpunished outrages occur.

I can not conceive how the President can do more than this, unless it be to call an extra session of Congress and lay the subject before them in a message.

The late lamented Dr. E. Q. Fuller, of Atlanta, Ga., for several years editor of the *Methodist Advocate*, who fell dead at his post of duty, was as earnest and devoted a friend of the colored man as ever lived. He was one of the bravest of the brave, without fear and without reproach. He was also blessed with a large share of saving common sense, and when, as was often the case, he was appealed to by those who were protected by his personal courage, and aided from his scanty means, to tell them what the Federal authorities could do for their protection, his reply was in substance: "Alas! Nothing direct or practical; the President is fettered."

Judge Tourgee and his readers are aware that President Harrison would have gladly signed the Federal elections bill and given to its enforcement all the aid in his power, but that much-needed measure was defeated by the connivance and aid of professed Republicans.

I believe the President is worthy of the full confidence of our colored fellow citizens. This is the opinion of that remarkable member of their race, the Hon. Frederick Douglass, as set forth in his recentable communication to the *New York Independent*, and it is my conviction that it will be a calamity to the Nation and to humanity if our present Executive should fail of renomination and re-election.

It seems to me that Christian ministers and all good citizens should work and pray and vote for these all important results.

God bless and prosper Benjamin Harrison, the brave Christian soldier, the wise, well-learned statesman, the tried and true public-spirited, the model citizen, the representative American.

T. COTTON.