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Detroit, May 25th 1892

Judge Albion W. Tourgee } Honored Sir: Yours
Mayville N.Y.

Your letter came duly to hand, together with the article for publication. You no doubt knew that we would be unable to place it in the hands of other Editors for this week's edition, but will send it to them immediately. To be fair to them we shall hold it until next week.

The good you are doing for the cause of freedom and our pleasant personal correspondence makes it appear as we were personal friends. We feel very very sorry that you feel so depressed over the result of your labors and we wish to assure ^{you} that they have not been in vain. You have no idea of the number of grateful hearts that hold you in daily remembrance, or how many prayers are nightly offered in your behalf, that you may be preserved and strengthened for the grand work

you are accomplishing. We all recognize that you are doing more for us than we could do for ourselves by your position, ability and consecrated devotion to the cause; yet at times we have grown despondent. But let us beg of you in the name of all those who daily bless you not to notice any blatant fault-finder, who would damn himself ^{and} his people for the sake of being known as a leader. We are cursed with leaders, men who ruin, or attempt to, every effort they cannot control and make a factor in their own aggrandizement. We expect them, every nation and people has had them, even the early colonists in their struggles. The peculiar position we occupy has placed ambitious men to the front who know little of sacrifice when self is at stake, but this cannot last. You must have noticed that the younger men are more earnest and have less self importance. Allow us again, with all deference to your experience, to suggest that you cannot calculate in a moment of depression, what your withdrawal from the present fight will cost the cause of freedom. We seldom get a mail but what some one speaks of what you are doing

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for us. If they are not on your list it is not because they are not in accord with you but from neglect. We know of large numbers who read the Inter Ocean because of your letter. We have advised, editorially, this week that on the day of prayer, the 31st that every city secure your blanks and send in the names of those present. We do not expect it will generally be done for every one waits for some one else to do it. We send you \$6.00 to be used in the cause as you think best. One dollar is for myself, for which you may send me money to blanks to hold about 200 names. If you think it wise you might send a few copies of "Liberty Worth Preserving", but in our feeble way we are disseminating your doctrine every week. You will please excuse the length of this letter

But we cannot allow you to think your noble efforts
are not appreciated, because a few traitors, and we
are proud to say, a very few, have appeared ungrateful.
We thank you for your continued kindness to us
and trust you may answer when your labors per-
mit.

Yours sincerely,

Plaindealer Leo

Per Walter H. Stowers