

2900 O St.,  
Washington D.C.,  
June 17, '92.

Judge Tourgee

Dear Sir:

As I am a mulatto, you will have a firor opinion of me when I tell you that I have read none of your works. But there is an excuse for my seeming indifference. Stricken, in my girlhood, with a disease which made mental

in the North. No  
downtrodden race  
can rise, until it  
has produced strong  
vigorous manhood  
and womanhood.

We need a few, <sup>wise</sup> brave,  
unselfish leaders,  
who will devote their  
lives to the elevation  
and protection of  
their brethren. I  
can see no reason  
why the American  
Negro cannot be  
recognized as the  
equal of the white  
man.

Once more, I thank  
you. Respectfully,  
(Miss) B. E. Pope.

exertion impossible,  
I find myself, at an  
age when one should  
be well-versed in use-  
ful knowledge, far  
behind in every-  
thing. I have heard  
of you, however, and,  
with all my heart,  
I thank you for the  
kind interest which  
you take in my  
people.

What I like best,  
of all your utterances,  
is the assertion that  
the miserable condi-  
tion of the colored man  
in the South is due  
largely to the apathy  
of the colored man