



The First Baptist Church,

"THE TABERNACLE OF THE PEOPLE."

Stephen Abbott Northrop, Pastor

"He gains the prize who can the most endure,
Who faces issues, who never shirks,
Who waits, and watches, and always works."

"MOST MEN AT THE HEAD OF GREAT MOVEMENTS ARE CHRISTIAN MEN. DURING THE MANY YEARS IN THE CABINET I WAS BROUGHT IN CONTACT WITH SIXTY MASTER MINDS, AND ALL BUT FIVE, I THINK, WERE CHRISTIANS."
WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA July 4th. 1892.

HON. ALBION W. TOURGEE

KIND SIR:—Some weeks ago I wrote you a letter asking a favor of some importance to me, and I believe to you, but received a reply very promptly from Mrs. Tourgee, stating that you were in California and that doubtless upon your return you would give me the desired statement. I have not been honored with anything from your pen. Please let me state to you briefly what I am after. For the last ten years as time and opportunity afforded, I have been gleaning from biography and securing through correspondence with representative men of this country and Europe valuable opinions respecting "CHRIST and the BIBLE". These convictions come wholly from a secular source. I will show conclusively that our famous men of the last five centuries outside of the pulpit have been decidedly in sympathy with Christianity and its Book. I have some five hundred such testimonials. I have the autograph statement on the subject mentioned from some one hundred representative American Statesmen, Authors, and Educators, besides something from every one of our Governors but five. Now I would be very grateful if you

would express your views of CHRIST and the BIBLE on the inclosed slip of paper. I do not ask a discussion but a few concise, practical words, voicing your inmost convictions. I know you are busy and hence I plead for only fifty or sixty words. I wish you continued success and good health!

Yours Very Respectfully,

Stephen A. Northrop, Pastor.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee, LL.D.

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