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Judge Tourgee,

Honored Sir:-

I have been reading your "Bystander" notes, in the Chicago Inter Ocean, for some time, with much satisfaction and sympathy. I enclose a clipping from yesterday's Globe-Democrat, the leading Republican paper of the State of Missouri. I think it brutal in the extreme. I have spent ten years in the Mississippi and Louisiana, and I know from actual observation and experience that many of the charges ~~of~~ against the negroes of that section, for which their lives are sacrificed have no foundation. It must be very discouraging to the colored people to have one of the most powerful Republican Journals in the country justifying the lawless classes of the South in their hellish work. I think comment by the "Bystander" on this article, would go very

far to counteract ~~the~~^{its} bad effects.
It is an outrage to claim that the negroes
of the South are all rapists, and that
the South is doing the right thing in
murdering them by the wholesale.
May God help you in your good work.

An old time Abolitionist

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MR. FREDERICK DOUGLASS is out in a manifesto on the subject of the recent election, in which he expresses the opinion that the colored people of the South will find better protection against outrage under the Cleveland administration than they have found under the administration of Harrison. He pathetically points out that the law should protect the weak against the strong. So it should. But in the cases to which he refers he very badly mixes the elements of strength and weakness. He classes the whites who do the lynchings as the strong, and the negroes who are lynched as the weak. The fact is that the weak in such matters are the unfortunate and helpless women, and the strong are the burly and brutal negroes who outrage them. No law and no administration can ever stand between such brutal crimes and their prompt and terrible punishment. The only way to stop the lynchings is to stop the ravishings.
