

My dear Sir: I have yours of the 27th ult. For a
trifles I was too severe in what I wrote be-
fore. You must make this excuse for me:
A man who has worked for a quarter of a
century to secure the rights of the colored race,
without any personal interest in the matter
beyond what springs from an instinct
of justice is naturally annoyed to see
those who are the real beneficiaries of
his labors, indifferent to the results aimed
at.

Of course, I recognize all that you say
in excuse, but you must remember
that the colored newspapers & like all
other journals print what they sup-
pose their readers are interested in.

To explain more specifically our or-
ganization I would say that we have
determined to not to require our mem-
bers to belong to any local organization.

For this there are many reasons
not the least of which are (1) - The
necessity expense of such bodies
and (2) The fact that many who
believe in justice and are willing
to do something for it, might

not like to be openly identified with local organizations.

At the same time, ~~we~~ there are many places in which our members have formed such organizations for their own advantage. Some of these were for the study of Citizenship and the History of Liberty in the United States. A great many in the Southern States have taken up the study of Slavery and Liberty. In Louisiana I am informed that there are a large number of Clubs known as "Tourgee Clubs" which have taken up the study of my works as preliminary to the further study of the questions involved. They begin with "Paul and Priscilla"; I think the first thing the colored citizen should study should be slavery and its relations to the citizen - the principles on which it rested. There are at least two such clubs, I am informed, in Chicago. Except the name they are very good things.

I like the term "Liberty League" or "Liberation Liberty League" for such an organization and I have no doubt that we shall soon take steps to promote such organizations.

In the meantime your friends might organize if they wish and

much woukdly to consider matters per-
tinent to this subject. I fobow I might
advise I should say that it would
be well to subscribe for one copy of
the weekly Enter-Ocean which has
every week two or three columns of
"The By-stander's Notes" written by
me and treating directly of the
Association and the rights of
Citizenship. If one of your number
reads this at each meeting it will
do very much to disseminate the
knowledge which and impulse which
the colored people of the North seem
so much to require.

Of course, one may be a
member of the Association and not
belong to such organization, but
no one should belong to them
without joining the Association
since its value and efficiency
depends on the fact of numbers
and extent. There mean influ-
ence for justice and liberty
Sincerely yours,
A. W. T.