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Hon Albin W. Tourgee,
Mayville N. Y.,

Dear Sir:-

I have just read your Bystanders notes in to-day's Inter Ocean and to show my high appreciation of that article I now pen you these lines. I have read many of your books, I heard you lecture at Bethel Church, I talked with you at the residence of Mrs. Plummer but never before was I so impressed with your sincere and unrelenting friendship for the Negro race as I was today. Your life long devotion and your pen ever ready to write a word in our defence makes you more than friend. Every word I read to-day thrilled my whole being and

I felt as I never did before the
gross injustice inflicted upon
the negro race. When and
how will it end. Do you think
my people will ever try to
resent the immolation and
lynchings in the South and
growing prejudice in some
parts of the North. Is it
worth while for the Negro to
try to defend himself? This
race problem is hard to solve.
The more you try to look into
it the more mysterious it becomes.
I can reach but one conclusion
and that is this: - the negro
will have to shed the blood of
the white man as ruthlessly as
he sheds theirs before he will
be allowed to dwell in peace.
Some theorists advance the
idea that education and wealth
will bring the negro on equality

with the whiteman. The negro
is rapidly acquiring for the ~~land~~
it may cause him to be recognized
in the North but as yet it has
not had the desired effect in
the South. It strikes me that
the more the negro acquires
the more intense becomes the
hatred of the bloodthirsty
demons who torment him.

I did not intend to intrude
upon your valuable time so
long but the race problem is
of great interest to me though
there is nothing I can do toward
the alleviations of the sufferings
of my people. I willing to do
all I can.

Thank you for the Bystander
notes to-day

Sincerely yours
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