

Guthrie, Logan Co, Okla.
February 20th 1898

Mr Abner O. Tugue,

Mayville N. Y.

Honored Sir:- I presume you will think this quite a singular circumstance that I write you without a formal introduction. But I have read your ^{The Bystanders} notes in the Inter Ocean so constantly, and your address to the ^{People's} State Normal at Emporia Kan in 1885. I think, make me feel that I need no formal introductions to one who walk in the paths of rectitude and teach only principles of justice - pure simple justice - My object in writing to you is ^{to} learn and know more of your spirit of righteousness.

I am a young woman of color, was reared and educated in Kansas. Kentuckyian by birth - was a teacher in the school of Kansas - Am now a professional Stenographer and Type-writer, & have considerable work in that line to do here but am debarred from filling any paying position on account of color. I now write to know if you could inform me of any where I ~~could~~ might secure a paying position believing you will do all you can in my interest on behalf,

will crown
my efforts
with success
I am as ever
your obedient
servant
Dwain H. Phillips
We will unite
with
North's

P.S. Have you any more of those "Pamphlets" entitled "The Liberty party" published? I have been very anxious to see them, but have not had the opportunity.
My sister (who is also a teacher) has some real estate in this new country and is now striving to pay for some more ^{and} owing to the the adversities we have to contend with on account of color we fear we will lose what we have invested in our new home if we do not devise some way to meet our payment on the same. Should you find me to any place I can give good and satisfactory reference as to ^{my} character, fidelity, &c.

You will forgive me for consuming so much of your valuable time, ^{only} a few more words ^{and} then I will be done. Every since the death of my ardent friend & correspondent, Mrs. Prudence Crandall Phillips (of whom you have heard I presume) I have always longed for to counsel with some ~~one~~ whole soul lover of justice to all regardless of color. I will send to your address The Oklahoma State Capital, within you will please read a few of my remarks to an eminent divine of this City, who wanted my sister ^{and} I to take a back seat after cordially inviting all to come to a protracted effort at the Christian Church, ^{conducted by Rev. Northcott of N.Y.} Please read it and give me your opinion on the subject. What Publishers Publish your works. I want to purchase them if I ever have the means. Hoping you can point me to some-thing that