

My dear Sir:

I have your letter asking if I will "furnish you the data", for my statement that 13 colored men have been burned alive during Mr. Harrison's administration. "The data" are simply the burnings reported in the public press during that time. The statement is no new thing. ~~Since 1886 there have been~~ No attention was paid to the matter until I took it up in the Inter-Ocean. The fact that three men were burned alive in one state day, two in one state and one in another, was not thought to require more than a fine or

ten line notice in ~~any~~ any Northern
paper and not any religious paper
that I ever contained any refer-
ence to it at all. It required
two years of steady noting of
this thing and fearless comment
on them, to stir the American
people even to a sense of horror
over them. My data for the year
1889 are not complete. I think
the number burned during that time
may be one or two more than I
have given it. In the single year 1891
with ~~three~~ ^{one} months of 1890 there were seven
burnings. It was then that I first deter-
mined to let the world know our
barbarity. Since that time there have

been three. Before that I had noted
three and think there were one or two
more.

These facts have been published
and freely commented on from
time to time, not only in the Literary
Queen but elsewhere. I send
^{some copies} you a copy of Liberty with Par-
sonage in which the matter
is discussed ~~at~~ pretty fully.

To give each case would
take more time than a busy
man could spare. I trust that here
after every intelligent man
will cut out and keep his own
share-book of Hellish
acts.

Yours
W. W. Townshend