

4 Cedar Street,

New York, March 4, 1893

My dear Judge:

Your letter of the 2nd instant was received, and I had unusual pleasure and profit in reading it. I am seeking light in the matter concerning which I wrote you, and your views are highly instructive in making the way plain. I answer your questions.

(1.) My purpose was to make the magazine a free forum in which all the friends of the cause could have a fair hearing. This would of course leave me free to draw upon both white and colored friends, at home and abroad, in the work.

(2.) I think there are three thousand and Afro-Americans who would subscribe for a high class monthly. I believe also that there are thousands of whites in the country who would buy a magazine who would not buy a newspaper published by Afro-Americans. I may be mistaken.

I do not believe "that the whole social sentiment is insanely bitter against us" because I have not found it to be true in my individual experience in the West, in the Middle and in the New England States. There is a liberal undercurrent in the people of this country in social matters, and I have come in contact with it.

I quite agree in the main with the program you lay down as good and best for the age to pursue, with regard to trucking men of the race, having pursued it in other years, but the policy made it tough for the business end of the machine, since our people run away from strong radicalism as madly as white men denounce it. Still, I have not shed the rod on this account, and I am considered as an agitator by the best of them, who is often rash and intemperate in policies and methods advocated. I cannot say that I am discouraged in the work that the age is doing, but I can say that

I am somewhat discouraged
at the apparent indifference of
the men of the race who should
move themselves in a practical
way or sustain those more who
do move.

I shall not venture up in the
magazine project with ^{out} weigh-
ing all the chances, in which
your opinions will play a
large part.

With kindest regards and
admiration,

Yours truly,

~~Thomas Fortune~~

To

Judge A. W. Touge