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Mr. A. W. Tourgee,

Dear Friend: — The first thing I do when I receive a copy of ~~when I receive~~ The EnterOcean, is to read your notes. The more I read the better I like them. Those in the last issue of The Weekly EnterOcean, (Mar 14) were, I think, exceptionally good. I would we had ten thousand such bold, honest, and talented advocates of justice, law and order, in our country. It might stem the tide of lawlessness and anarchy which is slowly but certainly stealing upon us. I may be short sighted but I can't see how our government can long exist under its present conditions. The only possible ~~to~~ improvement that I can see that could have been made in your note of Mar 9, is, that when speaking of certain men in the South who had escaped mob violence and even justice because they were white, you might have modified it by saying Southern white men. Because a northern white man, especially if he is a Republican stands no better chance for justice and protection, in

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the South, than a Negro. You cannot imagine my feelings, when I read of ~~you~~ of that man in a Georgia jail, under a death sentence for rape, being set at liberty by a mob because he was a Southern white man; and then thought of the narrow escape which my brother had made from the hands of a murderous mob at Tusculum Ala.; Simply because he was falsely charged with the most flimsy evidence you ever heard of, with what? Some grave crime? Not a bit of it, But simply writing an idiotic and anonymous love letter to a lady. The only thing contemptible about such an act is its extreme ridiculy, especially for a man forty eight years of age, and intelligent as my brother is. Yet he was indicted for defamation of character having no evidence but that of an unreliable drunken colored man, who had incurred my brother's displeasure on two occasions, by hanging around his place of business while drunk; and who ~~was~~ it was claimed delivered the letter. At the preliminary The attorney for the State actually encouraged mob violence in his speech, and on another occasion told a certain man that if he would murder my brother

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That he would clear him for twenty dollars I have not time nor space for the particulars of how the mob was outwitted and he made his escape. Perhaps I will give the whole thing to the press at some future time. This occurred at ~~two~~ Tusculum two years ago. This occurrence goes to show what flimsy excuses they will make ^{for} murdering or attempting to murder northern Republicans. I would that all Republicans and patriots throughout the North could only get their eyes open to the situation, ~~as I have done~~. But the masses will not believe until they witness such things with their own eyes as we have done.

Go on Brother with your good work. You have my best wishes and hopes that it will at least accomplish some good.

Yours Fraternally -

H. Peppel