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Industrial Missionary Association.

Incorporated under Section 1660, of the Code of Alabama.

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Oberlin, O. April 11th., 189

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear Brother:-

Your notes in the Daily INTER-OCEAN of Jan. 21st., 1893, were put into my hands recently by Rev. C. B. Curtis of Beloit, Dallas Co. Ala., and with the special desire that your suggestions concerning the future of the colored people should be carefully observed. This letter is to call your attention to a work conceived in the spirit of your suggestions, and conducted by the Industrial Missionary Association of Alabama.

Rev. C. B. Curtis, who had been engaged for ten years with the American Missionary Association, became convinced that the colored man needed something additional to that which the great Missionary Societies were giving him. After trying in vain to secure action by the Association with which he had labored he struck out independently, formed a new corporation, under the laws of Alabama, whose object is to give the colored man a chance to work, to help himself, to buy a home, all under fair treatment with religious and educational opportunities.

Mr. Curtis was practically without pecuniary means and his beginning was made only five years ago, but the Association has already purchased 4,000 acres of land and has 70 to 75 families occupying holdings which they rent with the hope of buying. The plan is to sell on long time with small payments and a regular system of visitation, encouragement and oversight as suggested by yourself.

Although beginning with a Board of Directors located near the plantation as undoubtedly seems best, and hence not men of national reputation, Mr. Curtis has already secured a number of well known northern gentlemen to serve on his Prudential Committee, and the hope is, as soon as possible to get a Board of representative men who will take time to attend meetings every year and give personal inspection to the work.

The personnel of the organization you will find on the clipping enclosed together with other matter. We mail you also a copy of the last PLANTATION MISSIONARY in which you will observe the Plantation Annals by Mrs. Curtis illustrating the spirit of the work.

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Although a contributor from the beginning it is but recently that I have had any organic connection with this enterprise. I have been convinced from the first that Rev. and Mrs. Curtis and their colleagues are pushing a very heroic enterprise and against heavy odds. Hence, I have consented to accept the Northern Office and the editorship of the magazine. I desire to ask whether, if upon investigation you find the plan business-like and hopeful, you could accept a position upon the Prudential Committee, giving to the work such attention as you can through written exhibits? Or, better still, if you could attend the annual meetings of the Board of Directors, I feel sure they would be very glad to have you upon that Board. Whatever you can do to aid this particular enterprise for the colored people will be most heartily appreciated by many, and certainly by,  
Yours Sincerely,

*C. N. Pond*  
*Northern Secretary*

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