

Galveston Public Schools.

WEST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Galveston, Texas, April 13th 1893

Albion H. Tougee Esq:
Dear Sir:

Last night Mr. Castro, the author of *Jessalines*, read to me your criticism upon it, published in the *Inker Ocean*. Its kind tone has emboldened me to ask, if you will read some M.S. of mine, illustrating a phase of the relations of the races here in the South, and if you think it worth it recommend it to some publishing house. If you cannot read it yourself, would you be kind enough to submit it to some one else on whose judgment you rely.

I would suggest that the fact that I am colored be suppressed that the reader's critical opinion be unbiased by sympathy with, or prejudice against the unfortunate race, with whom I am identified.

I have had one or two offers to publish, but a poor school teacher with a family to support, has no loose hunched to invest in literary ventures, and must suppress ambition in the interest of hungry mouths.

Yours very sincerely
Frank M. B.