

328 Wisconsin Ave.,

- Oak Park, Ill

Mr. Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Feb 15/93.

My dear Sir,

This is the last time I will
press upon your time. Thank you very much for your
reply to my first letter and I send the Standard that
tried to make good its blunder. It did not print all of
your letter for I did not send all of it. It even cut out
part of what I sent, but I sent enough for it to feel the
power of your rebuke and probably it has learned a lesson
in carefulness.

Permit me to thank you very much for all you
have done to quicken my interest in this matter. As I read
the Notes of this morning I determined anew to keep right
on preaching a Christianity that knows neither Barbarian,
Japhian, nor free, but seeks simply the
redemption of humanity from evil in every shape, here
and now. The remembrance is with me still of mid-
night hours in which our household was awakened when
fugitive slave men brought down, I see my mother, now,
with her own hands preparing them food and a place to sleep.

and my father, very early while I was yet dark starting
out with them toward the Canadian land. With such
a memory I should be false to those who nurtured me
were it to fail to champion the cause of the oppressed.

May the good God continue to make you more
and more, what you even now are a preacher of the
truth - even that great central truth which lies at the
heart of all religion. Pardon my presumption but
I was under necessity. Animate and cheer like on.

Most respectfully yours
Francis B. Rowley