

Oasis, Smith Co. Kan

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1898

Mr. Abner W. Tourge,

Sir, I know that you receive  
many hundreds of letters.

I suppose that most of  
them are from men.

But if I can, by writing a  
few lines, in the least,  
encourage you in your good  
work, I will gladly write.

I am much interested, in reading  
your notes. I have been so  
much distressed & troubled,  
when reading of the wrongs,  
the murders, burnings, killing,  
& torture, in different ways;  
that I have not always  
read the notes.

But now, it is my rule, not to miss reading one of your letters.

I believe in liberty & justice. Not only for the white race; But also for the colored race.

It is with me, a cause of deep & true mourning, when I think, or read, of the wrongs & crimes, that have been committed, by the white, upon the colored race.

I believe, that, our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ; came into this world; suffered, died & ~~rose~~ rose again; as much for the colored race; as he did for the white race.

And that it is as much of a sin & crime, in His sight; to wrong one with

a black skin; as it is to wrong one with a white skin.

I believe, that the bold & fearless stand, that you have taken before all the world; in defence of the poor & needy; the weak & helpless; has done much good, already, & will do much more good.

My sincere & earnest prayer, to the God, of heaven & earth, is, that He, will speedily give to this done, trade & oppressed people; liberty, justice & all the rights ~~and~~ privileges & heavenly blessings; that it pleases Him, in His good providence, to give to them.

I have sometimes, thought,  
that, the, Bystander, was  
just a little too hard, on  
the Republican party; &  
Christian civilization.

But, after all, it seems  
to me, that, they deserve  
all that the ~~by~~  
Bystander, has said  
against them. at least  
I fear that they deserve it all.  
Yours for, liberty & justice.

Mrs. S. H. Cannon.