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Friend Tourgee

I am not surprised at what you say of the 'Interocean'; from the tone of its editorials on several occasions my wonder has been that you were allowed to continue so long, but it is none the less a most grievous sign of the times, and in view of other things, as the race prejudices, on both 'races', in addition to what in my humble judgment, (tho it may be presumptuous to express it) is a sad & serious mistake in ~~the~~ encouraging of the colored people to separate action on so many matters as illustrated in your own course, as stated by yourself in your note, in relation to World's Fair matter, which seems to me very surprising indeed and this has a bearing also on the matter of 'Lily White' Republican Clubs and League which you did not mention in your favor of the 5th, but which I was

very desirous of having your judgment upon
because on the answer or rather on the course
the Rep. P. takes much depends, my ability
to support it for one thing. No party can have
my support (insignificant as it may be)
which draws the color or any such line.

Finding that a republican club had been
formed with its office ~~at~~ near the
Maxwell House (old Trollicoffer house)
Nashville & desirous of helping along the
cause I visited the rooms and found it was
exclusively for whites & refused to have
anything to do with it & so I found it and
the secretary of club defending the course,
in Norwalk: and now is it wise to further
encourage race slannishness on the part
of our friends who have been and are the
victims of slannishness. It seems to me such
will to some extent be the effect of leaving
(or advising) matters like the statement &c
solely to the victims instead of to them

and their tried true friends and I cannot but regret most deeply the present situation as to the matter, yet hope it may be overruled for good; But with the change in Interocean and such a growing disposition to separatism in various directions, as in Newspapers & our lack of an organ to advocate right principles and policies it would appear as if we had about reached the lowest extremity and our way hedged about as completely as Israel at the Red Sea. But my conviction is firm that we have on our side the same glorious protector, guide and savior as Israel had and that in his own good time & way we shall obtain from him a like glorious deliverance.

There are times when God's oppressed downtrodden, despised ones are shut up to simply "Stand still & see the salvation of God" as at the Sea & as in (60 61) & 5

or at least to the beginning of the Rebellion.
But not to weary you further.
Believe me

Yours most sincerely
Thomas Green

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