

July 18, 1893.

Mr. Hon. Albion W. Tourgee.

My dear Sir;

Enclosed
this clipping from our local
paper, not primarily, believe me,
local attention to myself, but
to assure you that you have
kindled one more heart into
interest for those denied their
lawful rights.

If possible, I shall secure
your presence here the coming
winter for a lecture. I think
we could give you a

Dear audience

Most respectfully

Your servant

Francis H. Rowley.

Of course this little clipping
is in the ordinary abstract
newspaper language but the
fact is that a col-
ored man was preached.

On our first page appears an abstract of a sermon delivered by the Rev. Francis H. Rowley, pastor of the Baptist church, at the union meeting last Sunday evening. It was a strong and just protest against the persecution of the colored race in the South. The numerous lynchings and barbarous torturing to death of supposed negro criminals, without trial or proof of guilt, is a disgrace to civilized humanity and it is high time that a stop were put to it by national authority, if the State Governments are too inefficient or too sympathetic with the mob spirit to put it down. Mr. Rowley's powerful arraignment of the lawless spirit in the South was warmly commended on all sides and our readers will be glad to see his eloquent words in type.