

Judge Tourgee

Norwalk, Ohio

Aug 5th /93

Dear Sir & Friend

Please accept my thanks for the likeness & for the little paper 'Hope', the editor of which I surmise is the same Miss Moore that related her experiences among the freedmen at Memphis &c during the war at a special meeting of the Amer. Bap. Ho. Miss. Soc held in Spruce St Col. Bap. Church, Nashville & to whom I made myself known as a supporter & sympathizer with her work in the past & then.

Just after mailing last note to you I got Inter's Clear & read Bg. notes of last week & noted with pleasure that some interest is manifested in that case and also what is said about re-organization of N. C. B. &c in 'Crosader' & 'Blindfold' and would God something might be done, and will

gladly increase my contribution if there is reasonable prospect of good results from the effort, for while we are to "trust in God"; we must "keep the powder dry" and labor as if all depended on our efforts; but, if it be judged best to attempt such reorganization I suggest, at a venture that an entrance fee of say not less than one dollar be required for admission and either regular payments at specific times or at special exigencies as called for; to continuance of membership for, has not our experience, brief as it is, shown that, those not willing to pay and labor are but 'deadweights', & frauds in a sense.

I noted with deepest interest the point made as to a periodical, even if it was no larger than 'Hope', to begin with

I was much pleased with the interest shewn by the Inter Ocean, but it is brief & the N.Y. Tribune, with all

its excellencies utterly ignores the dreadful situation in the chief matter.

Is it not a 'judicial blindness'.

Let me thank you again for those 'Notes' & may God incline the hearts of the readers & the people to both 'hear' and do the thing which is right, so that God's anger may be turned away.

My own soul is bowed down with grief and sadness as never before, never has such a calamity befallen me before, as fell last night in the notice received that my eldest child & daughter who abandoned home & went back South January /92 in a few days is to be married there to one of the workers of iniquity ah, my dear sir, just suppose yourself in my case & situation, with aggravating circumstances too grievous to speak of, and for the probable effect on my other children, the next & only grown daughter keeping house for me and

whenever she speaks, it is in pollution
not condemnation, though not so much
that way as the who went back. How
can I endure it; what a terrible curse
iniquity & injustice is; hardening every
fibre of the soul to every sense
of honor & real religion & nobody
cares for the few 'cranks' who persist
in saying it shall not be well but ill
with the wicked, I have most persist-
-ently & faithfully endeavored through
all their lives to train up my children
in God's way & instill in their minds
a hatred of oppression & injustice &
love for the royal law of love and
after all to see them yield to the spirit
that's in the air simply overwhelms me
& also enrages me, yet it avails not.

Yours in anguish

Thomas Green