

Norwalk. Ohio

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Dear Sir

Your kind expression of sympathy is appreciated & I hope you may always be preserved, as in the past, from any thing like a similar experience.

I can sympathize with you from experience, in a small way: As I have written you before, every avenue, almost, of reaching the people seems to be closed or closing to or upon us except upward, and as every thing must, will, & does follow its tendencies the time may not be far off, is probably near when like Lovejoy we who may be spared shall, like past & present sufferers, be called to seal our faith in God as a God of justice and a hater of iniquity & oppression and a present punisher of National evildoers and our sympathy & approval of his way when he in righteous judgment avenges the oppressed without regard to their character and destroys

incorrigible oppressors by the sword, or pestilence, or ravening beast or famine or any way it pleases him not merely with our sympathetic words and efforts to arouse the consciences & sting to shame the minds of the guilty & counsel and encourage the downtrodden & give them in every way a helping hand but actually suffer with them & as they do. How much does it lack of it now. I tell you, sir the fact you state is a most grievous sign of the times'. Doubtless the pressure on their 'columns' is both their 'spinal' & paper 'columns', and, in my judgment the chief cause for this suspension & course is that they do not have enough interest in the cause of justice & the oppressed to stand longer as practically the only paper of its class giving such advocacy & such privileges as it has given, and is indeed but another indication that the policy of keeping the 'southern question' in the background, as near dead out of sight

as possible, by the Republicans in this campaign as last year and not Reed or Clarkson or others who would put protection to men as citizens without respect of persons before any financial interest are to lead but the Mc Hinley's who have scarce a word, in undertone, for the weightier matters of justice, Law & true Liberty however well & truly they advocate right policies.

And judging by the course of things and by some of the extracts from letters given by yourself, probably many complaints reached the publishers on account of the publication in their columns of such sentiments as you have courageously and rightly advanced, but which are a reproach, ^{to} called fanatical & cranky & unadvisable by many weak-kneed Republicans & excite to madness the doers & defenders of ungodly deeds injustice. I shall promptly & plainly make known to the publishers my judgment & desire in the matter and stir up

any others I can reach to do likewise.

Not however, ^{being} that my mind is clear as to such a paper as the best medium but for the sake of reaching the minds of those who may only be thus reached, & then if the people will not hear, we have 'delivered our souls' and nothing remains but to do the next duty, and may God overrule & direct so that his will may be done, giving us wisdom and grace and strength to hasten, not retard the coming of that good day, even though that will be terrible visitation of wrath as when the oppressors went down by the ten plagues & destruction in the Red Sea or other way in which God avenged innocent blood & cleansed the Earth from corruption. His judgments are true & righteous altogether. And glory be to his name forever'. The days are dark indeed but 'The Lord Reigns', & we will be glad 'though the heavens fall'

Yours most sincerely

Thomas Green