

Norwalk, Ohio

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Judge Tourgee
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir

It was far from being my intention to, even gently, reproach you concerning the matter named; regard for your past & long continued & praise-worthy labors for the cause so dear to me, which have caused me again & again to bless God for giving you both the ability & experience ~~but~~ & rarer yet, best of all, the heart, disposition, inclination to thus advocate the cause of the the oppressed in the face of such obstacles as have & do beset the path; such opposition & such apathy so amazing all join in protest against such a purpose, unless indeed you should now or hereafter, under any conditions, falter & desert, & abandon, in any wise, that cause, then truly; if such

a course were possible, as I feel sure it is not, would reproach be deserved, It was because I felt, on investigation & reflection the force of the criticism that I wrote thus to you instead of to 'Crusader' because I saw that the course so condemned was only a continuation, a new expression or manifestation of that which had for many years; ever since A. Johnson days & so many times made my blood boil with righteous indignation & my soul tremble to remember "the terrors" of the "Lord" & "the day of his wrath" must surely come.

Admitting, as I do, however the aptness & force of all you say, where do we stand..

In a truly desperate situation; ^{from the} human stand-point.

There is the J. R. Giddings.

Your words make only plainer the "blackness of the darkness"; for, what reasonable ground is there to expect either Parties or individuals to substantially change their courses; and particularly when the only right way to bring about the desirable change is blocked up as of old when the Jewish Pharisees said "we see" & he said "therefore your sin remaineth." When the people & rulers alike trample on justice, join hands with the robbers or pass by on the other side" and utterly contemn the admonitions & warnings & entreaties of those who plead the cause of the weak & helpless, recklessly & cruelly crushing them, "because it is in the power of their hands to do it" there remains then but to wait, as Israel at the Red Sea for the Salvation of God but always ready when he opens a way

& says "speak to the people that they go forward" to march into the Sea. Surely such an extremity is upon us. "The heart of the people is waxed gross". I feel it more & more, every effort I make. After & by four or five days earnest labor I have obtained seven names only & these I fear no better to rely on than the list of members has been, only two of whom subscribe as you will see though I may get others, having not been able to see all members yet, but excuses are abundant because the heart is not engaged, nor the mind concerned. I shall keep working on the list as opportunity offers & would like to know what the prospect is as soon as you can form a judgement on it.

If we have it, I want to suggest, thus early, that the type be not small like the J. O. I consider this very important. Finally "Be not ye ^{not we} weary in well doing,"
Yours for God & Righteousness

Thomas Green