C. F. Adams
Manager "Appeal"

Dear Sir: I have greatly enjoyed the perusal of your jeu d'esprit of 1993.

The use of precisely similar terms and sentiments as applied to the white race which are the universal language of the white press of today gives a very comical effect and should teach some of them better manners. It is a very difficult matter however. The tendency to insult, and belittle and vilify the colored man because of his color, seems very deeply ingrained.

For nine years, I endeavored with the utmost persistency, to induce even so liberal a journal as the Inter-Ocean to print Negro with a capital as well as Irish-man and Esquimaux, at least in any contributions, column they were always properly marked for exhibitation. It was in vain.

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however, can for only in two or three of the nearly 300 "Bystanders' Notes," was I able to secure even that much of recognition of equality of rights from a journal more consciously neglectful in that regard. The

The white american, is simply unconscious that the colored man does not relish being called a "coon", a "donkey", a "nigger" and the like, or otherwise distinguished as an inferior. It is the same with their easy determination of what a colored man ought to be or feel and your apt paraphrasing of these things would enlighten many a man of just instincts if only the "Appeal" could reach them. But that is the trouble. The race-journals reach your own people: we have none that reaches both which gives

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earnest and appreciative attention to
these things. What we much of all things
need is ~~something~~ a journal that shall be a
true interpreter of the best of both races
to each other. That need I hope to see
soon supplied as Arrangements are
now on foot for the publication of ~~the~~
"The National Citizen," under my editorial
charge ~~under such conditions~~. ~~It will~~
~~be a weekly~~ and especially devoted
to the questions affecting citizenship and
the rights of the individual. ~~It will be a~~
~~weekly~~ I have long
resisted the general importunity to take this
step, for a variety of reasons, one after
another of which has been answered by
the course of events, until now the last
obstacle seems to have been swept away

announced.

The times seem very dark. I fondly wonder that even ~~the heart of the~~ Creator, a man of the finest faith and most steadfast courage, confronted constantly with the woes of his people at the South, should at length explain, "Let us get out of this hell of the United States!" and advocate an Exodus of the colored people into Mexico, as Bishop Turner with passionate vehemence advocates emigration to Africa. The white people of the United States are being possessed by the worst spectres & appeals to cupidity and pride, to repeat the crime of Pharaoh against the Israelites and of Spain against the Jews, by ~~forcing~~ expelling from them

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midst a people whom cruelty could not kill nor oppression destroy. American Christianity is willing enough to help the Colored man to ~~freedom~~ salvation, if he will only consent to remain a dependent and inferior while on earth but would rather doom him to death and hell than ~~to~~ grant him equal rights and equal opportunity here. It has not learned that Christ is but another word for justice and that the first fruit of his teaching is to measure every other man's rights by our own desire

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On the contrary, they would make him a God of favor and partiality to the white man and, at the same time, a fiend who connects, approves and instigates injustice, oppression, barbarity to the colored man. Such infamous affront to the Divine Teacher who lifted justice between man and man above the plane of self and to the plane of his own mercy, cannot go unpunished. As Spain found the riches of the New World mildewed with the blood of oppression, brought to her the curse of weakness and degradation in the shadow of which she still sits, so will this nation rivalling her folly and imitating her sacrilegious presumption in seeking to make Jesus of Nazareth the author and sponsor of their wrongs injustice and oppression.

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It may well be that the penalty should come in such severed conditions as your century book should have indicated, but long before that time comes the American Republic will ~~expiate~~ in blood and tears for the wrongs it has heaped upon this people of wondrous future hope and trust, unless they should soon better themselves to atone by ~~for~~ repentance by rendering justice.

Sincerely yours

Wm. D. Howells