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Much esteemed Sir:

Yours of the 30th ult. reached my home to-day, some few hours before I did, and was read with profound interest, as its contents were noted. I never ~~we~~ had the opportunity of corresponding with you before, but I have held you in the most exalted esteem for your friendship to my race, and your fidelity to justice. Your letter is an able production and comprehends the situation thoroughly. Yet we differ as to the mode of reaching the same ultimatum. I see no future in this country for the Negro, but I thank God that you do. I favor asking Congress for a hundred million dollars to help the manly, and self-reliant black man to get out of this cruel nation, while you favor agitation and a struggle here. I have no more faith in the aggregate friendship of the north, than I do of the south. For there is no line of

action going on in the north to remedy existing evils; no Congressman offers a bill, no member of a legislature presents even a protesting resolution. The ministers of the gospel are saying nothing. The United States Court is fettered by the Supreme Court decision, and things are growing worse all the time, and the only two men in the United States, who are saying anything that amounts to notice, is what you write on the one hand, and Col. Robert Ingersoll says in his great speeches on the other.

But you shall have my support to the fullest extent. I shall forward your letter for publication in the Christian Recorder, the chief organ of our Church, published at 631 Pine St. Philadelphia, Pa.

I also send you a few printed documents, which will better express my opinion than I could possibly do in a short letter. You will see that I have called a National Convention to meet at Cincinnati on the 28th. inst. to pass upon our condition. It will be an immense assemblage. I hope you will honor us with your presence and say something.

I send you a printed Call of the same, that you may see what I have said, and what will be the most prominent question of the Convention.

I have taken the liberty of sending you a small list of names as subscribers to the paper, and will be responsible for the money, while I have had time to consult but one,

I know you are an able man, but this is either a nation or it is a national humbug. Do you not think, that all of us have made a mistake — myself as well as you, in abusing the south, and exonerating the north for the condition of things going on in this country chiefly in the south, I grant? Should we not hold every man in this country responsible for the reign of terror, which prevails in this country? If this is a nation, every man is responsible for its good order, and for the protection of human life in every and any part of it. And every man, who does not speak out, or write, or protest in conventions, legislators or

pulpits, or call mass meetings, or demand retribution upon the perpetrators of violence, is to the extent of his ability and influence guilty. As long as ~~we~~ level the shafts of our vengeance at the south alone, will not the north feel that she is free from responsibility? Whereas, if this is a nation, every man is responsible. If the Negro is guilty of raping white women, he is a brute of the baser sort, But are bloody handed murderers qualified to give evidence, and if they are not, should not every man demand a fair trial before the courts, or be regarded as a participant by winking at public violence and outrage?

I hope you will give this subject serious thought, for in my opinion, it is the only way to stir the north and arouse the better class of the south.

Yours for the triumph of right.

H. M. Turner,