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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee

Sir:

I have just read in the "Christian Recorder" of the 16th inst. your letter to Bishop H. M. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church.

Though personally a stranger to you I feel impelled to express my gratification that you have so clearly and definitely outlined the true status of the Negro problem in America. I believe that the abolition movement, which ultimately brought liberty and enfranchisement to the Negro, so educated this American people as to the rights of man, that a large majority are really willing that he should enjoy all the privileges of American citizens. The hope that this passive willingness will in time be changed to active exertions to secure that end has kept me from trusting in Colonization as a remedy for our ills. In our past education, the accumulation

of wealth, the development of business tact, and a quiet migration of from parts of the South most thickly settled by us to other parts of this country, are the best means to bring about the condition we desire. But more than these are necessary. I have often wondered if the forces of the abolition movement are entirely spent. We certainly need just such an agitation as that among the white people of this country to secure the full recognition of the Negro as a man.

Your suggestion as to the establishment of a first class journal ably edited by both white and colored men commends itself to my judgment as just the thing needed. I know of no one better qualified to undertake such an enterprise than yourself. With Frederick Douglass as your coadjutor and men of like stamp and ability as your assistants, success would doubtless be assured, and the cause of Right ^{and} Justice materially advanced.

Should you publish such a newspaper, please count me as a subscriber and one who will do all I can in its interest.

Yours for Humanity
C. R. Harris