

The country is bad enough. I too
am often embarrassed of it. But
perhaps if we all work together we
can make it a little better. We
are six; there are 8,000,000 of colored
people. If they only should give but a
cent apiece, ~~one or each year~~ we might
have one organ that would tell the
story of wrong so loud that all the
world would hear. And if it were
known that the colored people had
determined to fight the battle of freedom
with us this time, no matter how
long, ^{it might take} how hard it might be,
it would so commend itself to
millions of white people in our land
that straightaway these pennies would
be multiplied into dollars and the
brother that seems so terrible now,

would grow light and easy because of
the ^{many} willing hands that would join
in having it.

That is only a beginning. When
we get well ah work, all who love
liberty working for justice and equal
rights, we shall find other things
to be and see that there is an
easy and simple way to do them
to wit, by every one doing what he can.

I think we are starting on the right
track. The way has been long and difficult,
It will not be easy now; but so sure
as the colored man is brave and patient
and persistent in doing and asking others to
stand up for him in his battles for rights he will
win. You think you and I will be dead when

when that time comes? Perhaps; but we
shall sleep none the less lightly if the
children of tomorrow point to our graves
and say, "He helped to bring the better days!"

That is what I strive to be best,
Sincerely yours,