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Boston, April 18, 1894.

My dear Mr. Tourgee:

I received duly your note from the Vendome and cherish no ill-feeling for your remarks, uncalled-for as they seemed to me at the time. I naturally felt touched, for the reason that since my refusal to act with the Republican party, and my identification with the Independents, I have been accused by many of the colored people, and those who would use them politically, of recreancy to principle. "A recreant son of a noble sire" is the epithet frequently used. Therefore your reflection upon me gave evident satisfaction to some of your audience, and, for me to keep silent afterwards as though I consented to the justice of the stricture, would have been awkward. It is that which doubtless added asperity to my remarks. I never have

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withheld my denunciation of the South and its spirit and action towards the colored people, but I cannot agree with you that anything is to be gained by drawing closer the color line. My hope of the South lies in breaking it, and I prefer to work on the larger lines of humanity which must duly penetrate the South as well as the North. No party triumph can touch the evil, and, under continuous Republican rule, the same barbarities went on. I despise the old democracy as heartily as you and have never worn the badge. Nevertheless, I believe that in the principle of free trade they have captured an issue of liberty which will yet help the country and the human race. My chief work is on the lines of Henry George's single Tax, which to me underlies all other reforms and is the especial solvent which will save and deliver the colored men and women of the South.

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As regards your mistake about my father, -
if you will get from an adjacent library the
volumes of his life (published by my brothers)
you will find the whole history of the difference
between Mr. Phillips and himself portrayed. I
think you would also get a more just view of
the abolitionists and a proper understanding
of their work if you could be induced to read the
books, which are not only a biography but a
history.

I have admired your own fidelity and
courage upon the Southern question and therefore
was delighted to introduce you to a Boston audience.
Where earnest people have so much in common it seems
hardly wise to emphasize one's differences. I
write this simply to assure you that I cherish
no hard feelings.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison