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Albany, Ashmun Co., Ohio.

April 30, 1894.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

My Dear Sir:— I am in receipt of a printed copy of your most excellent letter to La Monte G. Raymond, editor of "The Allegany County Republican", in regard to your congressional candidacy, for which you have my thanks.

I am 33 years old, and have always been a Republican. For years I have observed closely every movement made by the party, and have seen it neglect many opportunities to do good, and for these things I have not failed to chastise it. It has made many digressions from the principles which characterized its inception, and for these digressions it deserves rebuke. Of late years the party has not been represented by enough conscientious men to carry out its principles, because such men would not stoop to certain modern methods which would secure their election; therefore, the party has been largely represented by men as incapable as they were corrupt, and it is no wonder that the party has degenerated. The redemption of the party lies in the election of men who possess the

Strength of their convictions and men who recognize public duty.

I have never had the pleasure of meeting you personally; but I have read with great interest and appreciation the books which you have written, and numerous newspaper articles from your pen. I regard these as sufficient guaranty upon which to endorse and to recommend you to represent, not only your own (34th) Congressional district, but the whole people if it were possible. It is, therefore, not only simple justice to you, that your nomination for Congress be secured, but you will receive less than the honor you deserve if you are not elected. A few such men in Congress would redeem the country, would restore to it peace and prosperity, and would heal the afflictions with which the Nation is intensely suffering to-day.

You have my best wishes and hearty co-operation.

Yours Very Sincerely,

R. W. E. Ferguson,

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