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To the Editor of The Journal,
Jamestown, New York.

Sir:-

Will you kindly grant me the freedom of your columns to urge upon the attention of Republican voters in your Congressional district the national importance which would be placed upon the nomination of Judge Albion W. Tourgee for the House of Representatives?

There are hundreds of thousands of Republicans throughout the United States who, after conscientiously examining the growing class feeling and the various movements to alleviate the general distress, believe that the remedy lies in a steady adherence to the principles which gave birth to the Republican party. The organizers of the party believe with Mr. Lincoln that "the Union could not exist half slave, half free." To-day, the question is: Can the Union fulfil its mission nine-tenths slave, one-tenth free? The Republican party was conceived in a yearning to establish the recognition of manhood rights. To retain the confidence of the people, we must make spokesmen of men who have contempt for apparent political expediency and whose lives have been devoted to the principle of resisting the development of a master class and who have advocated equal opportunity for character and intelligence among all men.

We believe that Judge Tourgee's life and utterances should be

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accepted as his platform. He represents all that is noble in good old-fashioned Republicanism. His candidacy would cause to hesitate many Republicans who are tempted to believe that there is not much choice between the Democratic and Republican parties and who are thinking seriously of supporting the Populists.

The colored voters in several Northern States, where their numbers give them importance when results are doubtful, would accept Judge Tourgee's candidacy as an earnest for future allegiance to the principles on which they have voted steadily in support of Republican candidates.

Every Congressional district enters a National campaign next Fall. The fight is on principle. The Democratic administration has demonstrated that its men cannot be relied on and that its platform was a vociferous lie. Your leaders have the opportunity to strengthen the hopes of hundreds of thousands of Republicans throughout the country.

It is earnestly to be hoped that they will not let the opportunity pass.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,