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Dear Mr Souger

I am sorry to hear that you have withdrawn from the contest, and I am sure that many others will feel likewise.

We thought at one time of sending the series for Appointed to you, but I thought it would look too much like imposition. I was conscious of all the defects that you speak of when it was first written and I didn't know how to correct them.

That is why book lay in my desk so long¹⁶¹ without effort to secure publication, and was persuaded to have book published now by my co-laborer.

I can not say that the larger part of Book 2 is mine although my individuality is more strongly stamped upon it than in Book 1.

Our method of writing was as follows: We agreed on plot and characters. Then Storer ~~commenced~~ took the outline and followed out the plan. Then my work commenced in filling

Have you given up the National Alliance?

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out his thoughts and adding such new material as I thought I would like to have inserted. He reviewed my work, and adding to it here and there. Then I took it again wrote it out completely, dividing it into books and chapters.

Stowers is a brilliant and rapid thinker, his thoughts get ahead of his pen, and he leaves a sentence out now and then. I am slower and more methodical, but it was quite a task to take his work and mine and try to make it read as if written by one person. That is why it appears to be written by piece-meal, and that some parts appear unfinished.

Of one thing I am assured, if another edition is gotten out the proof reading will be better, for I will do that ~~part~~ myself, and if you are still willing, we will be pleased to have the full use of your blue pencil. We certainly feel grateful for your letter and offers of assistance, and your criticism

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is taken in the same spirit it which it was given. As the editor I tried very hard to keep my personal views back and to give ^{the} public opinion as it is, and I have ~~now~~ received a letter from a young white man in Ohio, who has read the book, and who formerly had charge of a mining camp in Alabama, and he states that the ~~book~~ story is not one bit overdrawn, and that it is true to life so far as Alabama is concerned.

My life now however is by any means confined to one phase, or ^{to} among apo-Americans chiefly. Of course the social life of the home is not fore but since work has been given up & on the Plain-dealer and I have time to give attention to other things, I have seen more of the social life of the better classes among the whites. I am a member of the P. E. Church, belong to St. John's here, the largest parish west of New York, and as I am not at Exan type of man, and do not give up any inherent rights, and at the same

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time an ^{two} not obtuse, but make my way slowly and gradually. I am changing ^{the} public opinion concerning the Afo Americans in this parish at least. (It is also wealthy) and seeing some of the social life, and securing a wider acquaintance than I could otherwise do.

My theory is that while each one Afo American should do what he can to uplift his fellows, the white likewise need educating on certain life lines, and some of us have had got to do this work, and it should fall on those best fitted by circumstances to do it.

My position here as retail book-keeper, coming in contact with so many people, is a great help also.

Again, regretting that you have withdrawn from the Congressional contest, and thanking you for your criticisms, your commendations, and offers of assistance I am

Yours sincerely

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