86 Biddle st. Milwaukee

Oct. 18, 1894.

Judge Albion Tourgee

Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have enjoyed reading the "Bystander's Notes" this summer, while spending the time in my country home, away from the misery and wickedness of city life as I saw it in missionary & deaconess work in Chicago.

Chiefly did I enjoy your writings because they seemed so fair and unprejudiced - so free to accord praise to the opposite party when it was due, and so thoughtfully true in all matters

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touched upon, that I felt my old enthusiasm for the Republican Party revive.

Now I am not as deep a politician as I ought to be, but like all true women I love my country and that party or politician—statesman rather—who will best serve her. And I must confess that I lost faith in the Republican party in the matter of Iowa's Prohibitory law. I wish you would write your views on practical temperance work. Coming from you with your age and experience, and tempered in your calm, thoughtful and unprejudiced

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manner, it would accomplish more than the same article would, probably, if contributed by the gifted pen of Frances Willard.

I became almost thoroughly discouraged in my work of helping the drunkard and his family, and in helping to arouse a temperance sentiment in the great city of Chicago, for any one with the common intelligence cannot fail to see that we commence at the wrong of the matter entirely. That is, we first allow the man or boy to be ruined and then set to work to save him and patch him up. Our present temperance work in the cities is like

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might sit down and rest, and, for a nickle get a cup of hot coffee and a generous sandwich, getting more if able to pay for more, what a "light along the shore" it would prove to these shivering cabmen, newsboys and to scores of unhappy out-of-works.

To one side, or just back of this room, have a cozy, inexpensive reading room, furnished with books, papers, a piano or an organ, etc, and as their physical wants were supplied, many would enter this room, especially if called in by sweet music.

Then what a glorious opportunity to teach patriotism, and to preach "righteousness, temperance, and a judgment to come", by song, recit-

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opening the flood-gates and then attempting to dip the water back.
Prevention is better than cure.

If I have a hobby for it is the establishment of cheap coffee houses and reading-rooms at frequent intervals throughout the city, actively opposed to the free lunches and entertainments of the saloons.

Such a project would take a great deal of money, but it seems the only way of reaching these ignorant, suffering, struggling ones.

Now if we could have these cheery coffee-rooms, scattered along in good locations, rivaling the saloon in brightness, pleasantness and warmth, having chairs enough & the easy

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tation and story. And I believe there is enough good talent going to waste in our Christian Endeavor societies, Epworth leagues etc. to furnish free entertainments in these reading rooms almost every night in the week.

Then too these places should have toilet rooms for the use of these necessaries is free at the saloon.

The "Rams Horn" was kind enough to publish an article contributed by me on this subject but I feel that it is the great news papers which reach the people, and that You could

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demand attention to this subject as I could not.

Won't you help me, please?

Yours in His dear name,

Katherine L. Peck,

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