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Mr. Albion W Tourgee

Mayville N Y

Dear Sir I read with much interest your letter in the Inter Ocean but am surprised to find you so unchangeable what do you expect a man to do in case his wife or daughter comes home and tells him that she has been insulted by a negro and a rape attempted or accomplished. Any man will take his gun and hunt the rapist be he white or black and of course if found is shot down or hung without mercy and it is right and if you was not cranky you would see it that way yourself Please read carefully what General Booth says about the Slums of the Cities of England and you will find that England will have all she can do to attend to her own poor let her shed her tears for them and do her alms there. And you Sir grit blackening your own country and mingling your tears with those english hypocrits. I come from Ohio and was in the war with some of the best men in Fayette County and know them to be good and true and there is no better proof of their friendship than the fact that they helped free the negro but when he commits a rape on one there Mothers or daughters they will hunt him down and hang him and would not deserve the name men if they did less

Now My dear Sir please read and calmly
reflect and give us Something else besides
that negro and his woes. You are no better
Christian than the thousands you Condemn
you know the negro has had enough done for
him let him alone let him take care of himself
and behave himself and he will be treated fairly
but dont fail to read learn and find out
you have made that hobby long enough give us
Something on the temperance questio —
We all read Bystanders notes, and are not
afraid but what you can do justice to any
Subject —

yours truely

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