487 Delaware Av
Feb. 27, 1895

My Dear Judge Tourgée:

Mr. Shepard conveyed to me your proposal that I should take an equal share ($500) with the other gentlemen in "The Oasis" and make a contribution of time and work as an equivalent for the money. The same suggestion had been made by several of the men; so I considered the matter sufficiently agreed upon and consented to appear on the subscription paper on equal terms with the other men. I would be very glad to conduct a department of interest to Good Gov't Clubs and I had some talk with Dr Rainsford (who spoke to the Liberal Club last night) touching the matter of Good Gov't Club news from New York. My feeling is that the matter could be

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made most useful by getting out an edition to meet the Buffalo trade and putting into this our local matters including the items of the Civil Service of which I am a member, on the Executive Board. This plan is pursued by the Boston Herald in its Sunday issue - matter for Providence and for Worcester respectively appears only in the papers circulating in those Cities; the paper is otherwise identical in the whole issue.

Have you further considered getting the Publishers interested to send us their books? I have always felt something authoritative in the way of literary criticism - short, sharp and just ought to be done here.

There are now nine names on the list for $500 each including myself. My old friend

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Mr. E H Howard put his name down this morning for "my sake" he said; I think he wants me to get my word further afield. Mr C. F. Dunbar has taken the matter into Consideration - Dr Hubbell is in negotiation for a house which if he does not purchase will leave him free to subscribe 500; if he does purchases he will not have the money Easily at Command - but said in that Event he would take 20 Copies for the year - If McGerald & Sons have a bright advertising agent he ought to get out early with a "dummy" as I think the field is ripe for that kind of work. McGeral wants to go on when $5000 is reached - do you think that safe? I have written you this note as I am likely to be away part of next week when a meeting is talked of. Mrs Slicer has been very ill with "grippe" and is meditating a change of air as soon as she

can travel, I will probably take her to Warsaw for a few days. I can hardly leave unless it is absolutely necessary as plans are nearly ready for the forming of three more Good Govt Clubs in the difficult wards on the East side. As I am chairman of the Com of Organization for the Federated Clubs, I have great desire to be present when these meetings are called. We are also in the throes of School Reform and the demagogue is much en evidence and needs my Club work in another sense. I congratulate you and the Kingdom of Heaven on the bright outlook for your ideal - your idolon.

Yours Cordially

Thomas R. Slicer

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