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Williamsville, N. Y., Mar 26, 1895

My dear Judge:

I have been through the Basis pretty carefully and I must confess that it is, in my humble judgment, a forerunner of a very high-class magazine. To my mind there is very little in it to criticize.

The only thing I would mention (and I mention it only to show how it strikes one average mind) is that the article on the currency is a little

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"too high a rack for calves."
However, that is not a very good figure in this case, but what I mean to say is that the currency question is so difficult to the average citizen that I believe that an explanation of it from an historical standpoint is needed to prepare the average citizen before he can comprehend the truth or fallacy of any theory put forth for the solution of present difficulties. It may be that such an explanation is not within the province of the Basis, but I should fraudly think that, since the Basis is, in large part at least, a school-master.

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in citizenship.

The article on Fred Douglass has given me my first clear understanding of his relation to my period. It seems to me clear-cut and comprehensive.

The statement of the conditions in the street railroad article is unmistakable and unanswerable. Now follow it up with some suggestions of how the wringing machine can be constructed and what the private citizen can do to help construct

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it, and I believe it will not only do good, but that it will take immensely.

Of course I am not attempting to instruct you, but simply to show you how it hits one citizen who is, I believe, honored with your regard.

I will have the two pages of miscellany ready in ample time to be submitted.

Fortunately the night I left you I had in my pocket a good cigar, which oiled the motorman's elbow to such a degree from Cold Spring to the City line where passengers were few that

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I just made the last car to Billyville as it was pulling out.

May the Basis have the healthful growth and the long life it deserves.

With kind regards to all the family,

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Pierce.

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