Santa Cruz, Apr. 7 - 1895.

Mr Tourgee.

Dear Sir:-

I recd. your little pamphlet, The Basis, and I was very much pleased with it. I think you are starting out on the right line.

I see that you mention Mr Douglass as a great man of the Negro race which was all right, but there is another one who has accomplished much for the race, and who perhaps you overlooked; and I may overestimate myself, but that is Miss Ida B. Wells, and she is accomplishing much

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all along the line.

She stepped into Mr Douglas's shoes today as the race's champion and I think she is fully competent in every way to fill the position which she occupies; she understands the needs of the people today better than Mr Douglas did in his last hours.

There is no question of today of more importance than that of investigating all crimes committed and of giving to every citizen the rights of a citizen.

I believe that when every man can stand before the juries of the country and receive a just and impartial trial, this will

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tend to bring about his equal rights.

But it seems to me that Miss Wells is fighting this battle alone and I can not understand it. I fully believe that if every journal, pulpit and every grand man of this nation, ~~would the~~ that could be touched with the sympathy of an oppressed race, would pass resolutions and send to Congress, this room would bring about all that is desired.

To think of eight millions of people waiting for such laws to be enacted, with the patience of Job, and meekness of Moses, and with the fidelity of Elijah,

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and with one little woman
to fight the battle alone. I want
to see the world waked up on
this question.

Very Resp.
Wm Tipton.

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Cal.

P.S. Will send my subscrip
tion after next copy.
Wm Tipton.

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