THE first issue of Albion W. Tourgee's weekly "The Basis," Buffalo, N. Y., is received, 32 pp., fine paper. I nowhere see the price, evidently forgotten in the hurry of first issue. It is replete with sound philosophy, and I advise my readers to send for a sample copy, and assist in its circulation.

Bakersfield
Kern Co. Cal.
April 9th

My dear Mrs Tourgee

Ever since I first read "Mervale Eastman" I have intended writing to thank your Good husband, for the great treat that afforded me, but my time and thoughts have been so fully occupied, in one way and another, I have kept putting off.

For some time I have been watching for any intimation of articles from Judge Tourgée, in regard to "the times" and the struggle through which our country is now passing. How he regards the old parties, his opinion of "direct Legislation" &c. I should much like to know. On looking over this week's "Coming Nation" I found the enclosed paragraph, will you kindly inform me where "The Basis" can be obtained, and the price. I think I can get a number of subscribers.

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Our home is in Petaluma, Sonoma Co. but I came here last week to spend a few weeks with Mr. Leekenby. He has been here since last June, in charge of the Horticultural Dept. of the Kern Co. Land Co. Fred, our second son is also here, in the Electrical Dept. he has charge of all the telephones lines.

Allie, our eldest daughter, has nearly completed a course in the Fabiola training school at Oakland. Frank, who is next in age, has charge of our small ranch, twelve acres, which is mostly in small fruits. The baby girl, nine years old, is here with me.

I received a letter from Uncle Dixon, a short time ago, also a photographed group of Eunice and himself, with their children, grand children and great-grand-children.

The happy days I have spent in your home, and the great kindness which I received from Judge Tongue and yourself are ever a green spot in my memory. With kindest regards to you both.

Yours sincerely

Ellen S. Leekenby.

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