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The Basis.
Buffalo. Ny
Albion Tourgee. Editor.
Dear Sir:

I have ~~seen~~ noticed in the "Out Look" the "Chicago Record" this week of the Basis.
Just now my eye caught this in the Christian Register of Boston.
"The Basis is the title of a new weekly, a journal of citizenship, edited by Albion Tourgee and published at Buffalo by the Citizen Publishing Company. Under Judge Tourgee's Editorship the Basis is sure to be bright and strong - and to stand for equal rights, personal security and good Government." I have read several of your books and was well pleased with them. Especially "A Fool's Errand" I am only a common laborer but for all that I always find time to read and manage to save some money for books and papers - Will you please send me a sample copy of the Basis. I think I should like it. My platform is Equal right, personal security

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and good government. Not for one class of people but for all classes regardless of sex, religion or color.
A great many good people would dispute my ~~right to~~ standing on such a platform because I am a firm believer in Mr Henry George land theories. This does not worry me any for the truth as regard land and man's relation thereto is hidden to them and they are no more capable of judging me on this point than your old southern neighbors were capable of judging you on your position toward the negroes as set forth in the "Fools Errand"
You called your book "A Fools Errand" To superficial onlookers this may seem an appropriate name. but to those who look below the surface - the mission of the Fool was far from "A Fools Errand"
Please pardon this long letter.

Respectfully

Edward Ericson
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