sent sample

Rocky Hill, Conn.
May 15th 1895.

Judge Tourgee,
Publisher of The Basis:

Dear Sir —

I see by advertisement in the Chicago Inter-Ocean that you are publishing a new magazine called the Basis, and I wish to say to you that I was a careful reader of the Continent which you published some years ago. I have now the entire issue of that mag. and have read it with much pleasure, also your various books, published from time. One object I have in addressing you at this time is that I have commenced writing out a sketch of actual experience

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of the Continental Vocalists, organized some thirty-five years ago, which company has given over eleven thousand concerts. We have visited and sung in all parts of the country excepting the extreme South and the far West, and have many valuable friends in all the cities and towns where we have sung, especially among newspaper men and the musical fraternity.

I have written the first installment of these sketches, and if you will pardon the egotism, it seems to me they would be received with pleasure by our old friends. I notice in your offer of prizes that you advertise for a large variety of reading matter, but none

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of those called for seem to exactly correspond with what I have. My essay must be called either the History of the Continental Vocalists or the Reminiscences of an old musician. Do you think that such a series of papers, running from one month to twelve, would be available for your new magazine? If so, let me hear from you at your convenience.

If you think favorably of this project, please send me a copy of your mag. for examination; and immediately on its receipt I will forward the first installment of the manuscript for your judgment.

Respectfully Yours,
W. D. Franklin.

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