School Department.

High School,

Syracuse, N. Y., 7/23 1895.

Mr Albion W. Tourgee, Editor Basis,

My Dear Sir:

I accept your invitation — and the terms. I would like the understanding, however, that — the series completed & your purpose served — I may use the articles in book, lecture or talk form as may seem best.

As you have left the plan so completely to me, let me think it over with care, with the understanding that the first article shall be introductory in character, having to do with the general thought of __Citizenship__ and its applicability to __Boys__ & __Girls__.

It would suit my convenience best if the initial article could be deferred until the 1st or 2d week in September —

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as I expect to start on my Vacation soon, have much writing to do before. So I shall have much work to do at my return, and want to play hard while away.

Thanking you for your very generous, somewhat rash statement as to my doing the work "splendidly", yet assuring you of my deep interest in the general theme & purpose to do the best I can by it.

Sincerely Yrs.

W. H. Vanderbilt

P.S. I venture on another sheet to give you a fractional idea of a re formed plan, asking your candid opinion of it.

W.H.V.

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