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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee
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Dear Sir: I wish to thank you for your good letter in the Inter Ocean of this date. For so long yours has been the solitary voice, that could obtain a hearing, speaking against persecution and injustice to my race. I have read your writings for years and most heartily appreciate your efforts in our behalf. [illegible] will live. I hope, please dont think I mean to take improper liberty, but I was about to say, I hope you will not write on the money question so much. We need your voice, there are many to discuss that question. Ah, but how few there are to be champions for humanity and justice. I believe you will get the consulship, Every body wants you to have it, and I think Pres. McKinley must too. With high regard I am sincerely Yours

Reverdy C. Ransom