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they cannot go much higher than they can carry the Negro with them.

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From Timothy Thomas Fortune

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My dear Friend: I got your telegram on returning from Washington and went to Boston Sunday night, and am just back. Monday morning I saw a great many of our men and tested them indirectly as to the prevailing sentiment, and I discovered that the course of the Young's Hotel banqueters was generally condemned and disapproved.

I then went to see Barnett¹ and Plummer. They are both out for blood, and will renew the fight in the League next Monday night. I outlined the sort of resolution they should offer at the meeting and they are sure it will go through. They are both good friends of yours, as is also Addison of the Courant, with whom I spent an hour. I met Rev. C. S. Morris² in the Courant office, and he is also doing good work.

My appointment with Mr. Clement was for 3 o'clock. He was all smiles and graciousness and plunged right into the subject of the banquet. He said he was much grieved at the attitude of the speakers, but that he had unlimited faith in your wisdom and discretion and that he did not think the matter would hurt you in the least in Boston. He promised to publish anything I should write on you or any phase of the race question. P. J. Smith called while I was talking to Mr. Clement and remained with me until I left the depot at 5 o'clock for New Haven. Yours truly

T. Thomas Fortune

Our newspapers are still reading the riot act to you.

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