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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir; Yours of Sept 8th has my attention. Thoroughly appreciating your personal kindness, I hesitate to assume responsibility for so much of your time as would be required. I think our editors would feel the same way; but I am convinced that your presence in the General Conference would be of service to the Church and certainly not without usefulness to yourself. By all means, therefore, you should go if asked. So good a preacher as you ought to be responsive to a little preaching; and while you are advising John concerning citizenship, let me exhort you a little concerning church membership and its highest responsibilities, such as manifest themselves only when one is called to act in a ^{representative} responsible capacity of such dignity as the one to which you allude.

Now about the book; - I have canvassed the matter with Dr Stowe, and we are willing, of course, to undertake the publication. Our fear is that you will be disappointed in the sale of the work in our hands. Our Methodist public, to the extent of two hundred thousand has had access to the letters. This constitutes our chief market. Does it not appear to you that the book would do better if it were in other hands. While we would like to bring it out as heretofore stated, we want you to look at it from the standpoint of your own interest, and are willing to put our option in abeyance to that.

Yours Very Truly,

Earl Cranston.