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Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1890.

Judge A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir,--

I have been taking a course in shorthand at this college, and wish to apply for the position of stenographer with you. I have not completed the entire course as yet, my circumstances not permitting me to do so at present, but I can refer you to Prof. J. E. Mc Lean of this college, as to my ability to conduct correspondence properly.

If you are so situated that I could have a home with your family for the winter, I would accept a low salary, and would do copying, etc., anything to make myself useful. I enclose a copy of a letter from my former pastor, as to character. Am a loyal "Chautauquan", and think the practice with you would be of great value to myself.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

May E. Minniss.