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Hon. A. N. Tourgee,
Mayville New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Advisory Board of
The Bethel Literary & Historical Association to enter
into correspondence with you, with the view to having
you deliver a lecture before our Association on
the third Tuesday in April, next.

For many years our ass'n has been the me-
dium through which the best thinkers of the race
have gained the ear of the public. Not only our
race but yours, too; and I can recall Hon.
John. A. Logan, Hon. H. M. Blair, Mrs. Susan B. An-
thony, Prof. John W. Powell and others who have
lectured from our platform.

I know of no American citizen, of literary
fame, more venerated by our people than
Albion W. Tourgee. His "Fool's Errand", "Bricks
Without Straw" and "Pactolus Prime" can be
found among the books in every well-regu-
lated colored family in the country, and

our ass'n has, on many occasions, seen fit to call public attention to the life and character of their author.

We have established a library and reading-room for the benefit of colored youth in this city, and the proceeds of your lecture, in the event you consent to honor us, will be applied to this enterprise. Kindly inform me if you will consent to favor us and the terms upon which the matter can be satisfactorily arranged.

Hoping to hear from you at the earliest date convenient, I have the honor to be

Yours, Very respectfully,
Geo. W. Jackson,
Rec. Secy.

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