

South Jersey Institute,
Bridgeport, New Jersey, April 7, 1892.

Judge Edwin D. Tourge

Dear and respected sir:-

I am "filled" & infinite joy and most
excellent, sincere incline think you that you must not to the call of
one who lifts your literary compositions ever and ever so much; even if I am
the "oblivious" and also the "breacher" and I have desired
a love & delight in your work which can hardly be described in words.

I remember about a year ago when I lived in France, Penning Co.,
that your name was mentioned at the High School there, in allusion
to a book of yours that had just made its advent - the comments were
something like unto these: - "Mr. Judge Tourge has written a work of re-
ceptionable merit - It far transcends his other work - The humor & the sharp-
ness vein of wit is delicious & pleasant" and also such sincere comments
as these. Of course I conceived of you the picture of a Judge upright,
conscientious (for lawyers can be conscientious) strict and stern; but when
I managed to get hold of your "Fools Errand" now I recover & conceive
myself in holding such an opinion of you and how surprised I was to
find such fine & exquisite humor & wit written by what I deemed a cross old
stern legal light - but I was not at all surprised to perceive the solid
sub-stratum of common-sense, judgement & intimate knowledge of the matters

therein recorded.

My motive in addressing you is not to criticize your work or to compose an eulogy on your genius. In I am certain incapable of such things. My motive however in writing you is my kin & fatherly love and my Christian motive is to receive from you your candid opinion and sentiment concerning some of the above articles that will perhaps encounter you before you answer this issue there is my immature age and my "external family relation" "ministerialism". These are such like to be said to various.

What do you think of Thomas' rights and do you think that such a thing will be universal in N. E.?

What are your sentiments acerca of True Religion?

State your views from a practical stand point about clothing, and lastly

Will you please tell me some of your reminiscences of your college life, and also give me some good sound fatherly counsel and advice from your store-house of experience concerning life's duties.

Believe me I have loved you (not) I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Charles P. Le Egan.

South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

P.S. - I do not know whether you are acquainted with my father.

Rev. Frederick Sears, D.D., late of Franklin Pa but now of Philadelphia Pa
has several humorous lectures and has often referred to you very meritously.
I do hope to receive this letter.

Yours most and reverent servant

W. H. Chittenden

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