

THE NATIONAL BANK OF WESTFIELD,*Westfield, N.Y.*

Dec. 4, 1891.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee:

My Dear Judge,

I must ask you to excuse delay in reply to yours of the 12th, relative to the use of my name in the circular sent out by you, and attribute the delay to my physical condition, which has prevented me from doing any considerable amount of work during the past month. I thought too, I should see you and talk with you relative to the matter before this but have not been able to do so. I of course, prefer just now that my name should not be used in connection with anything which will involve any thought or attention on my part, because I want to avoid for a few months, anything and every thing that will interfere with my recovery. I consequently think it would be better in future circulars, to omit my name, and I say this without giving any thought whatever to the object or its merits.

I am sorry to learn by a letter from Mrs. Tourgee, that you are not well, and sincerely hope that your trip to Southern California, will be of great benefit to both you and Mrs. Tourgee.

Sincerely yours,

