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Dear Mrs. Tourgee :-

Thanks for your  
kind letter of last week and  
accept my truest sympathy for  
your afflictions this summer.

I know the Judge is better  
and I sincerely trust the same  
is true of your sister. I call-  
ed at the office of Mr. Basie  
when in Buffalo ten days  
ago and sent another day  
only to find the judge absent.

I was very much disappointed,  
for in a dim way I hoped to  
get to see you and learn if  
you still thought hardly of  
me for a seeming lack of  
appreciation of your kindness.  
Your letter assures me that you  
do not, for which I am very glad.

But this letter must also be a  
confession of short coming and  
a suit for pardon. I did receive  
the handsome present sent me  
by the judge and yourself, and  
appreciated it far more than  
I can possibly express. I so pub-  
lished it in The Conservator and  
have exhibited them to my friends  
as the one most desirable gift, for  
I have always wished to own  
a set of George Eliot's works &  
Judge Tongue's novels. As you  
doubtless know, I took charge  
of The Conservator the 4th day  
after my marriage. I have been  
business manager, editor, <sup>etc</sup> all  
rolled into one ever since. I  
could hardly get time to go to  
Silver Lake to fulfil my con-  
tract there. I have been waiting  
for a longer moment in which  
to do the pleasant duty of ac-  
knowledging the wedding gifts  
we have received - the time has

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flown and I am still derelict. I have sent copies marked off. The Conservator to most (indeed I thought all) of the friends, hoping the list of presents there published would let them know their gifts had been received, until I could do so more properly. I am sorry you had not received yours, and have wondered all these weeks over my seeming non-appreciation.

The Basis is enjoyed every week and kept on file for future reference. In this week's issue, I see the Buffalo Express is quoting me as using the term "Negress." I never used the term in my life and therefore The Express

wrongly quoted me. You are author-  
ised to enter my most positive  
denial of the charge.

My husband joins with me  
in expressing our most grate-  
ful appreciation of your good  
wishes and your tokens of  
the same.

Faithfully yours

Ida B. Wells.