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Mayville, Chautauque Co., N. Y., Nov. 14th, 1906.

Saturday a.m.

Joseph B. Bowles Esq.,

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Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Wm. A. Taylor, Editor of the Ass. Sunday Magazines, 52 East 19th street, New York, I am sending you the enclosed clipping from The Buffalo Express of October 25th, 1906, as a sample of my literary work.

I have been thinking for some time of writing some reminiscences of Reconstruction, which I wished to syndicate and had written Mr Taylor for a medium, and he has given me your name with very complimentary words as to your ability as an "upright, straightforward and trustworthy young man."

You may not know that my husband Judge Tourgée went to North Carolina in July 1865, intending to make his permanent home in that State as his health had been much impaired by his army service and he was advised that he could not live long in the North. He was a member of both Constitutional Conventions of that State, on the Superior Court bench of the 7th Judicial District for 6 years, and very prominent in all matters pertaining to the troublous times of Reconstruction. I was with him very closely through it all and have at my hand all the data necessary to give an accurate account "from the inside" of an interesting period in our Nation's history, not wholly understood, I think, by this present day generation.

Mr Taylor kindly compliments me by saying I have a most interesting way of telling things--but perhaps he only wanted to encourage me a little.

If you would care to look over the enclosed clipping--which by the way was written to enable me to give a little--only a "widow's mite" to the Rep. Nat. Campaign ~~Campaign~~ fund--and help me in any way, I should be "duly thankful."

Trusting I may hear from you soon, I am, dear Sir,  
Very truly yours,

*E. K. J.*