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Mrs. Albion W. Tourgee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Madam:-

Your postal card in relation to the counties composing the congressional district in which Greensboro is situated, has been received; and I shall take pleasure in giving you whatever information I can.

Greensboro is in the fifth district, containing at present the following counties: Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry. It is not altogether identical with the district as it existed in 1878. I do not remember all the counties that it then contained; but I am sure that both Randolph and Davidson were then in this district. I may be able to obtain a complete list of the counties it then contained; and if so will write to you again.

Judge Tourgee was running against General A. M. Scales, afterwards Governor of North Carolina; and while of course I have forgotten the particulars of the campaign, I recall an incident told to me by Judge Settle which created a good deal of pleasant comment at the time. Judge Tourgee and General Scales had a joint discussion at Ashboro, during which a shower of rain came up and filled the bed of General Scales' buggy with water. After the discussion was over Judge Tourgee and General Scales, with several of their friends, walked out to where the buggies were hitched. Upon seeing the condition of General Scales' buggy, Judge Tourgee remarked to him that his buggy held water much better than his arguments. It was said and taken pleasantly, and seemed to amuse the crowd very much.

With kindest regards, I remain,  
Respectfully,

*Robert Douglas*