

A lecture by Judge A. W. ^{could} ~~was~~ ^{towns} ~~be~~
of North Carolina, ~~was~~ ^{could} ~~but~~ ^{be}
other than interesting and in-
struction - He is a gentleman of
culture, wide and varied experience,
great energy of character, and of
the highest reputation in his State
as a popular speaker -

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My dear Sir

~~My~~ ~~dear~~ The only difficulty in granting your request - is the serious one that I do not know how such a document should be framed - whether as a printed letter to you - or one to all whom it may concern. I hope however, the accompanying may answer the occasion. If you really mean to lecture on yourself, you will have one advantage over all others in the choice of a subject. - viz; you must be presumed to know more about it than any one else does - having given it your attention for so many years. Don't let the ideas of Toriette get into your lectures. There was never as much truth in the relations supposed to exist in former days between Master & slave - as one might a priori think probable. Such cases undoubtedly did occur sometimes - but they were not as numerous as rapes and seductions are under a different frame of ~~the~~ society. I wish you a pleasant trip, whenever you start.

Yours Truly
Wm. B. Rodman

Hon. A. W. Tourgee }
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