

H. L. Beach, Captain.

U. S. Bowen, Sr.

HEADQUARTERS.

GRESHAM CAMP NO. 187, ILL. S. V.,

PIPER CITY, ILL.

Jan. 28, 1889.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear Sir:-

I have just been elected as captain of above Sons of Veterans camp and would like to ask a favor of you. I am one of the persons to whom your "Letters to a King" were addressed and highly value the work, which I have read. The members of our camp are great admirers of your writings and many of them have read "Fool's Errand" "Letters to a King" "An appeal to Caesar" etc., and as what you say has a great deal of weight with them I would like you to help me, as Captain. The members seem hardly to realize the importance of our order and many times a lack of interest is manifested by them. What I would like is an autograph letter from you on "The Sons of Veterans"; write

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on one side of paper, so we can frame it for our camp room and a photograph, accompanying for same purpose. You may think this foolishness on my part but I think & in fact, know, that it will help us in our camp work. As a S. A. R. you have full access to all our workings & probably know something about our order, your "Letters to a King" just "hit" me and seemed to be addressed to me as much as any one else, - just 21, - and are highly valued by me. "Bystanders notes" in Luter Ocean of the 19th inst, on "White Caps" are immense & attract a great deal of attention here. I mail you one of my photos by this mail, Hoping you will comply with above request allow me to remain, Very truly
H. L. Beach,
Captain.