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Dear Mrs. Bourgee:

I was very much shocked to read in the Brooklyn Eagle of last Saturday an obituary notice of Frank O'Brien. I had not heard of it before, and so had no opportunity to attend the funeral, which otherwise I would have done. As his illness followed his exposure at the inauguration, I have wondered if perhaps you were with him, and could tell me something about it.

What a pity to have had him so sacrificed, when he was doing so well and making reputation so fast! I have heard a good deal about his success from mutual newspaper friends, and have admired him very much for the success he has made against so many

obstacles and under the weight
of so many responsibilities,
making his own opportunities,
and rising to them by his own
efforts. He was a very genuine
fellow, and I am very very sorry
he is gone.

Faithfully Yours

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