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GEORGE L. LEWIS. ADELBERT MOOT.

July 5th, 1889.

Dear Judge:-

I made a great mistake in not urging you to attend the dinner to Judge Haight. I could not foresee this result; however.

You were assigned a very good position at table, near the toast-master. In addition to this, had you been here, you would have been called on to respond to "Legal Education". To be sure, there was no adequate opportunity to prepare for the response, and it was a toast that came near the end. Senator McMillan had been selected to respond to this toast on account of being chairman of the examining committee, who have had in charge the matter of admitting attorneys and counselors, for some years in this section.

The sudden illness of his wife prevented his attendance.

You could not have known that you were to respond, therefore, until you arrived, as it was not known that Senator McMillan could not respond until the dinner began.

On reflection, I think I did injustice to those having the dinner in charge, in thinking that local prejudice might have influenced them in their assignments. On the contrary, I think it was mere oversight, such as is likely to occur in the hurry of preparing for such occasions.

The dinner was attended by about one hundred lawyers and judges; and there was hardly a man present who was not a gentleman.

To me, at least, it was not a stupid affair, nor was it one

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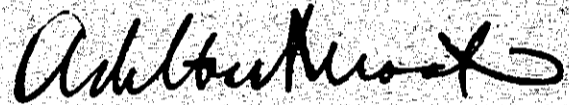
attended with any excessive drinking. It broke up about two o'clock. It was such an occasion as would have given you a good opportunity to keep touch of the Bench and Bar of this state and make many pleasant acquaintances.

I am extremely sorry therefore, that I made the mistake of not urging you to forego other engagements and attend.

When will it be convenient for you and Mrs. Tourgee to spend a few days with us this summer?

With best wishes, and regards to your family, I remain,

Truly your friend,



To

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.