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Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23rd., 1889.

Albion W. Tourgee,
New York City,
N. Y.

Dear Sir;- As President of the Ohio Society of Kansas city, consisting of some four hundred members, I would like to ask a favor of you, and that is that you will send to the Society, gratis, a copy of one of your books, one that you consider your best. We are trying to get together a library, and we wish to have it represent very largely the genius of Ohio's Sons.

Our Minister to France sends us the Tribune and John McLean the Cincinnati Enquirer; and very many others have contributed by their presence and thought to make our Society the unbounded success it has already got to be: one of the last speeches made by the late Sunset Cox was at our Rooms on the occasion of a public reception we gave him.

Anything you may do along the line above indicated, will be duly appreciated by our Society and by me personally, as its chief officer.

Very truly yours,

Dictated to W.

G. J. Clark,
Pres.

Send to me personally.

My dear Sir:

I am sorry to decline your request and only do so because I am not able to gratify all my amiable desires.

I have often wondered whether the managers of such associations at all realize the significance of such a request made to an author. Most authors are poor. As for myself I suppose the average membership of your club is worth two dollars to every one that I have. You probably would never dream of asking any author to send you a dollar to buy one of his books but you do not hesitate to ask him to send a dollar to his publisher for your benefit.

Of course, an author hates to refuse such a request and I have known men of very limited means who paid the dollar rather than do so. Especially has ~~that~~ Mr. Whittier suffered from such inconsiderate demands.

I do not mention this on my own account, I haven't the dollar and am not likely to yield in compliance; but I hope you will remember and not ask the poorest of our people to contribute like the millionaire publishers you name.

In behalf of an unfortunate craft -
I repeat - I shall probably make something