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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C. February 18th. 1890.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:-

I received your letter and a copy of the bill a few days ago, and beg to say that I was induced by a letter which I had at one time from you to suppose that the bill I introduced was substantially the plan you proposed. I enclose herein a copy of a report which I then made in which you will find an article from your pen. I have not however, any pet scheme in this matter. All I desire to know is, what is the best plan, what will do the most good, and will receive the approval of Congress. You will see from this report that the bill I introduced is substantially the bill proposed by a commission of very able educators, and it was approved by hundreds of the best educators in the United States; college professors, state school superintendents and others to whom the bill was submitted after it was prepared, and many of their suggestions were incorporated into the bill. I am not sure that the Blair bill will pass, nor am I very sure that any bill will pass. Public sentiment on this subject seems to be on the wane.

Yours very truly,

J. D. Taylor