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My dear Judge:-

I have been so busy that I have not answered your last letter. I thought if Barlow was bound to lead the blind, we would have the usual result when the blind lead the blind, that they would all fall in a ditch. Not having heard from you since, I assume that I was correct in this supposition.

Our County Judge has just decided in a similar case, that information and belief will not do, and our County Judge is a pretty good judge.

I have put in answers for you and Mrs. Tourgee in the Blair case. I concluded not to demur, but to answer. If they ever get anything in that case, they are brighter than I think they are.

What has become of the Skinner mortgage? Let me hear from you.

Becker was in Saratoga at the Court of Appeals two or three weeks ago, and was talking with members of the State Bar Association about having you deliver the address next January which you delivered here, after such revision as you may see fit to give it; although, I do not see much room for revision. Our Bar agreed it was a most notable address. I was proud of you then, and have not ceased to be proud of you since, for what you so well said on that occasion. As I said to you then, so I say now, that the only thing I could suggest would be that you develop

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further the "bottom idea", that the sense of what is just or right is at the foundation of all law, and as men become enlightened, and educated, whether that education comes from schools, from experience, or from business, the sense of right becomes keener and more certain, broader, deeper and stronger.

In this last suggestion you may see a reason for still further advocating education for the ignorant people in the South. I will agree with you that they should be educated, but must confess that you have not quite carried me to the idea of national education for them up to the present time.

Hoping to hear from you all soon, and to hear that you are well, I am,

Truly your friend,



To

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville,

Chaut. Co., N. Y.