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If the judge has not returned, our
likely to do so soon - please forward this.

Personal

Hillsdale Ky
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My dear Judge Tourgee,

Your letter mailed
at San Francisco - 19th ult came duly to hand.
I was glad to receive it - and especially
to know that ^{you} had such an opportunity for
an airing and were enjoying it.

I had a letter from Mrs. Wetherage in Chica-
go - saying that she had heard your lecture
and would write particulars later. I presume
that she is the same person you mention-
ed in your letter - She is not a "cousin" in
fact but calls me cousin - Well she has a
history, I will give you a hint of it while she
is fresh in your mind. - She was sent to me
when at school (Berea) in her 13th year, a very
bright child, - out of the late Genl Boyle stock, of
Ky, on the father's side - the mother an unusual
intelligent colored woman - Mrs Boyle's maid

She learned fast & the pet of all at Berea -
having become mixed in a child-love affair
with the late Pres. Fair child's son - the
Pres, got alarmed, - advised her mother to take
her from school for a time - giving as a pretext
that she was ahead of her classes etc - about this
time Berea experienced a dead-lock - the social question,
Soon after Mary began teaching in the public schools
at Louisville, - the Board making an exception in her
favor, as she was under age - 16 years old. She
reached the highest place for women, and after teach-
ing over 15 years, she was quietly married in 1890
at Milwaukee, to a Louisville business man - who
I fear is her inferior, though connected with some
of the leading families in Ky & Mo. - She continued
teaching a year, then settled in Chicago. Their
idea is to keep in seclusion until they have
money. I differ with them, not however, on
the principle of your philanthropist Clarkson in
the "Hot Snow Shovel" -
~~the Royal Gentleman~~ - but because nothing is
gained by the secret exercise of their rights, - as
American citizens. She is bright and accom-
plished and capable of making an impression on
public sentiment, and I hope to see her harnessed.

The Berau Commemoration affair, I suppose, is settled. Mr. Fess last letter stated that you were away in Cal., they know not when and at the time was short an other had been invited. I replied that it was the usual game - that every man known to be of his way of thinking was passed over under some pretext, simply because the Faculty has a set in it that ought to be out of it.

In case you come, I hoped to have you stop with us as long as convenient to you, and help formulate some plan for future action, not only with reference to your personal affairs, that you may the better serve the cause of Liberty, but in the interest of freedom itself.

I manage the farm of the widow of the late John H. Gregg - a cousin of John G. Fess - We have a nice - quiet, Kentucky farm - a restful place and nothing more, but could take care of your family all summer - and the family would - at your advisers - enjoy doing so, but as the time and expense of travel may figure largely I presume that I shall have to come to

you - and I want to go East this year any
how.

Some matters must be looked after soon.

The "Jim Crow car" act passed the Senate of Ky, and, not withstanding Mr. Clay's strong plea to the House, on "absurd Legislation", it is likely to become Law.

The colored men are privately organizing to fight it to the death, and I was appointed, recently, a member of the private Council. They had taken action looking to the selection of attorneys and a line of procedure - propose to sue out an injunction prohibiting the R.R. Co., from putting on separate coaches, and take the act to the Court of Appeals - if defeated then to U.S. Supreme Court. I am opposed to any recognition of the state courts in a question of citizenship - for, I believe that such a concession surrenders the case, however it may be the only course, if it is wisest to ground the case upon the constitutionality of said class legislation, in stead of the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution. Your advice is desired on this last point - as to procedure etc -

Very sincerely yours

J. T. Robinson