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Treasury Department,

Office of the Second Auditor,

Washington, D. C., February 18, 1893.

A. W. Tourgee,

Maysville, N. Y.,

Sir:

There is to be a public discussion between the Y.M.C.A. Literary Society, and the Enosinian Society of Columbian University, this city, and the question is this most remarkable one. - "Resolved - that the Negro should be disfranchised." I am disputant on the negative and write you for any suggestion as to argument, and particularly as to the progress of the Negro in the last 25 years, industrially and intellectually, as compared with the progress of the whites in the south during the same period.

Respectfully yours

M. C. Eldridge
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Washington, D.C.