

508 West 3d St,
Elmira, N.Y.,
April 12, 1893.

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,
Wayville, N.Y.
Dear Sir,

We are making elaborate
preparations for the observance
of Arbor Day. It is our earnest
hope that trees will be dedicated
to men and women distinguished
in literature. These have been
invited to contribute articles,
letters to be used as a part of the
dedicating exercises. They have
cheerfully responded and their
letters have contributed much
to the success of the
exercises. Scattered through
our school grounds are trees
bearing the names of Whittier,
Lowell, Holmes, Bancroft,
Loring, Henryson, James, Howell,
J. K. Marvel, Mark Twain, Wendell,

Trowbridge, Oliver Optic, Lucy Larcom,
H. B. Howe, Pansy, etc., etc.

I want our exercises
this year to surpass those
of other years. I write in hopes
that you will feel willing
to send us a dollar or two, letter
for the occasion. As my pupils
propose to honor you, I trust
you will feel willing to honor
us. These letters contribute
to the enjoyment of the day.
They, too, they help to remove
among my pupils a taste
for good and wholesome
literature. They bring them
into closer relationship with
the authors and lead them
to learn something of their lives
as well as their writings.
I hope that you will

respond to this request.
It will be very greatly
appreciated. As I am a
little late in sending out
these requests, I trust
that you shall receive
an early response.

Respectfully,

H. H. Benedict,

Principal of School #2.

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