

SELMAR HESS, PUBLISHER,
557 & 559 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

CABLE ADDRESS
LEUCINE-NEW YORK.

July 29th, 1893.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Dear Sir:-

I am now preparing for publication in book form, a series of about 275 biographies of the most eminent men and women during historic times, and in all nations. It would gratify me very much to have you write one of these biographies, taking your own time to do so. You will judge from the character of the work, that it must necessarily be confined to the greatest of personages, and that therefore the materials for the article are either at hand or very readily procured. Each of the biographies is to contain from 2500 to 3500 words. I enclose a list of the names to be written on, so that you may choose from among them the subject that you would prefer. You could name your own terms, and take your own time as the manuscript will not be required for three or four months or longer. Your article would appear among those written by authors of reputation.

In the hope that you will accept my proposition, and requesting a reply at your early convenience, I remain,

Very truly yours,



P. S. Our work is intended to be one of the highest merit, carefully edited and standard if not classic. None but acknowledged leaders of the world are to find place in it, and of those but few of the present generation. The contributors to it are the foremost writers of this and other countries, men of thought and breadth of view who leave their imprint upon the mind of the reader

~~Moses~~

David

~~Solomon~~

Lycurgus

Themistocles

Pericles

~~Socrates~~

~~Diogenes~~

~~Demosthenes~~

~~Aristotle~~

Archimedes

Cicero

Augustus Caesar

~~Ambrose~~

~~Augustine of Hippo~~

St. Patrick

~~Augustine of Britain~~

Justinian

Mahomet

~~Alfred the Great~~

Huss

Louis XI.

~~Isabella of Castile~~

~~Copernicus~~

~~Luther~~

Calvin

Charles V.

Knox

Elizabeth

~~Sir Francis Bacon~~

~~Galileo~~

Richelieu

~~Gov. Winslow~~

Charles I.

Cromwell

Penn

~~Louis XIV.~~

William III.

~~Peter the Great~~

~~Newton~~

~~Marie Teresa~~

Edm. Burke

~~Franklin~~

~~Patrick Henry~~

~~Washington~~

~~John Adams~~

~~Jefferson~~

Hamilton

Mirabeau

Robespierre

Cuvier

~~Postalossi~~

~~Humboldt~~

~~O'Connell~~

Bolivar

~~Jackson (President)~~

~~Webster~~

~~Seward~~

~~Lincoln~~

Thiers

~~Gambetta~~

~~Bismarck~~

~~Parnell~~

~~Bisraeli~~

~~Gladstone~~

Agassiz

~~Gravelly~~

~~Darwin~~

~~Harrison~~

~~Cleveland~~

Nebuchadnezzar
Cyrus
Alexander
Hannibal
Scipio Africanus
~~Marius~~
~~Caesar~~
Marcus Antony
Herman
Trajan
Diocletian
~~Alaric~~
~~Attila~~
Clovis
~~Belisarius~~
Khaled
Martel
~~Charlemagne~~
~~Olaf Trygvesson~~
William the Conqueror
~~Godfrey de Bouillon~~
~~Saladin~~
Edward I.
Edward III.
Ed. Black Prince
Du Guesclin
~~Henry V. of England~~
Warwick
Hunriades
Cortez
Pizarro
Coligni
Henry IV. of France
Drake
Raleigh
Miles Standish
~~Wallenstein~~
~~Gustavus Adolphus~~
Turenne
Charles XII.
Marlborough
~~Eugene~~
Wolfe
Frederick the Great
~~Oliver~~
Kellermann
Ney
~~Napoleon~~
Wellington
~~Kelson~~
Paul Jones
Lawrence
~~Patton~~
~~Hayne~~
~~Marion~~
Tecumseh
~~Deaeter~~
Perry
Houston
Scott

~~Grant~~
~~Sherman~~
~~Sheridan~~
~~Lee~~
~~Jackson (Stonewall)~~
Porter
~~Farragut~~
~~Garibaldi~~
~~Meike~~

~~Homer~~
~~Plato~~
~~Virgil~~
~~Horace~~
~~Dante~~
Petrarch
Chaucer
Tasso
Cervantes
Shakespeare
~~Moliere~~
Milton
~~Bunyan~~
~~De Foe~~
Swift
~~Pope~~
~~Chatterton~~
~~Johnson~~
Burns
~~Voltaire~~
~~Schiller~~
~~Goethe~~
Wordsworth
Scott
~~Hugo~~
~~Irving~~
Cooper
~~Dickens~~
Beranger
Browning
Tennyson
Bryant
Longfellow
Carlyle
Emerson
Holmes
~~Shelley~~
Da Vinci
Angelo
Raphael
Titian
~~Durer~~
Rubens
Rembrandt
Hogarth
Reynolds
~~Wash~~
Thorwaldsen
Meissonier
Gerome
Millet
Bonheur
Rossetti
Dore
Manet
Mozart
Beethoven
Haydn
~~Paganini~~
Mendelssohn
Wagner
~~Liszt~~

~~Vinci~~
Barnick
Verest
Cushman
Rachel
Patti
Bernhardt
Booth
~~Jefferson~~

Heracles
Theseus
Ulysses
Aeneas
Xenophon
Gracchi
~~Seneca~~
King Arthur
Roland
~~Rollo the Viking~~
Harold
~~Lief Ericsson~~
Old
~~St. Bernard~~
Barbarossa
~~Richard I.~~
~~St. Francis of Assisi~~
Louis IX.
~~Marco Polo~~
Wallace
~~Bruce~~
Winkelried
Gustavus Vasa
~~Joan of Arc~~
Bayard
Columbus
Vasco da Gama
~~Gutenberg~~
Caxton
Mary Stuart
~~Charles Stuart the Pretender~~
~~John Smith~~
~~Harvey~~
~~Capt. Cook~~
+ ~~Howard~~
~~Ethan Allen~~
~~Ben. Arnold~~
~~Nathan Hale~~
~~Kosciusko~~
Lafayette
Marie Antoinette
~~Mao, Roland~~
~~Charl. Gordon~~
Louise of Prussia
Hofer
Sir H. Davy
Watt
~~Fulton~~
~~Jenner~~
Wilberforce
~~Stevenson~~
~~Kane~~
~~Framont~~
~~Ericsson~~
~~Garrison~~
~~Samuel Morse~~
~~C. W. Field~~
Peter Cooper
~~Fler. Nightingale~~
Gordon

~~Caxton~~
~~Victoria~~
~~Livingstone~~
~~Stanley~~
~~Kossuth~~
De Lesseps
~~Pastour~~
~~Edison~~