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Judge Albion W. Durgie,

Mayville, N. Y.

My dear sir: It is the earnest wish of the Monumental Literary & Scientific Association, an organization comprising the leading men of our race in this city among its members, that you accept an invitation to address us at some date in the near future. We meet on Tuesday evening of each week. Many of us have read with interest and delight your charming novels; all of us understand the work you have done in destroying the

prejudice against us as a people.  
It would be to us a pleasure  
unspeakable to look into the  
face, and to hear the voice  
of one who has been so un-  
selfish a friend. I shall anxiously  
await an early reply, which I hope  
will be favorable; in which case  
please state terms, date agreeable  
to you, etc. With great respect I am

Yours truly,

W. Ashbie Hawkins,

Pres. M. L. S. A.

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