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Hon. Judge Tourgee

Dear sir:-

We the committe of the Mattoon Literary society, have been appointed to write you a letter of congratulation, for the interest and courage which you have manifested in speaking and writing and doing what you could in behalf of our race. We fail to find words sufficient to express our feeling toward you.

We can only say that we are reading after you, and your name is the watchword of every colored Man, woman, and, child.

We cherish your good name and hope to encourage your efforts, and feel that we are your friends, now and ever, and that you are more than a friend.

May the blessings of the Lord rest upon you forever.

Long be it remembered that we have no advocates who are dead or alive who have advocated our cause with the zeal and fortitude with which you have.

Very truly yours.

As. committe, H. M. Watson-Chairman,  
Harry Williams secy,  
Rev. J. W. Collings