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Dear Mrs Tourgee

I want to tell you the good news Patriotism is being revived in this place. Decoration was well attended.

The speaker was Gen Bull He is a splendid speaker

after recalling passed events

He then turned to the present duty of the citizen to restore that which had been purchased at such a terrible cost, and

pointed out the danger of putting unworthy men in office

and the number of men that are now holding important places who fought in the Rebel army

He said now the care of the  
country devolved on the younger  
men those who like myself in  
time of the war was in the  
Infantry He was born in Co.  
It is not to be supposed that  
I can feel as you older people  
but I can remember how  
I felt seeing my mother crying  
when the news came that  
President Lincoln was shot  
dead by a traitor

I can remember seeing  
a man going away from  
our house & mother saying  
I hate that copper head &  
I said mother take the gun  
& shoot him in his back &  
I think the same now as I did  
then a copper head deserved to  
be shot in the back They  
who staid at home & patted on the

blood of the soldier you  
have got them here with you  
I was talking with one a few  
days ago He said the country  
was being ruined by the pension  
& I came very near forgetting  
that I was a minister as well  
as a citizen for I never felt  
so much like taking off my coat  
I presume the one referred to was  
present there is a number living  
here in town who own large  
farms & paid for in war time  
Well I won't bother you to read  
any more Probably you heard  
something as good, Surely you  
couldnt hear anything better  
than the whole address  
I hope the citizen will get  
started before a great while  
& I will put in the one dollar  
& I will send more for the

same purpose (that is to pay  
the subscription for those names  
sent on my own account  
I will think them up & write  
you who they are when I send  
the money. I don't like to  
risk much at a time in a letter  
With my best wishes to you  
and family I remain as  
ever yours in the work of  
Humanity Ed Burnett