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Judge Tourgee

My dear Sir. I wrote you sometime ago but as I have heard nothing I think my letter has miscarried as your Postmaster writes me you are at Mayville. You will perhaps remember I invited you to lay the corner stone to our Free Public Library over a year ago. Now the building is nearly completed & we have our Library kept there our reading rooms open &c &c. and once each month we hold

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an evening session of our Literary Society at which time we invite some good speaker to address the people. We usually have one written article & a Poem or recitation from our Society & an address. These lectures are free & open to the Public. We are trying to draw our people especially our young men to this building & keep them away from Saloons & so by having once a month Free Lectures we hope to attract them. We beg of you to favor us for one of these lectures. at any time most convenient for you. either in Nov. or Dec. only we would like time to advertise. We should be

most happy to entertain you at our house. Bring Mrs Tongen or any of your family. We shall be very proud to show our pretty building for which our Ladies Literary club have worked so hard & made so many sacrifices. Judge Ward sends regards & hopes you can favor us.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am Yours very sincerely

Thos Hamilton Ward

Pres. Library Association

Of course I shall be glad to pay your expenses. would Nov. 26 suit you. Mr Ward will probably be through his Lecture and then — & can be here to meet you

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