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Pittsburg Nov. 27, 94.

Judge A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have today read your strong words in defence of me and the cause. Ever always, I feel grateful to you for the only unequivocal expressions in behalf of justice which you alone seemed moved to make. I feel especially grateful at the word this time in reply to Miss Willard's specious arguments and statements. Miss W. has never forgiven me for telling what she said in condonation of lynching and christian tho' she be, she could not resist the opportunity to strike at me this

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her association. She succeeded in doing what she intended. For the entire organization believes I "misrepresented the W.C.T.U." while in England and no opportunity was given me to explain. Your words are most opportune in setting the matter clearly before the public. The southern women delegates had a caucus at Cleveland and succeeded in preventing the passage of any resolution by the National Body against lynching.

Again thanking you for these and all other words in behalf of justice, I am

Yours truly

Ida B. Wells.

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