Little Compton R.I.
Aug. 23rd 1895

My Dear Judge Tourgée:

I have your note. I can say that I am the minister of the Church of our Father (Unitarian) in Buffalo, and let it go at that. I will not give any sketch of my career which has in it nothing except the Communal Every-day work. I am forty eight years old and I am not very interesting Even to myself; meantime I live in a very interesting age and place, which deserve my whole attention. The request from the Iroquois of the men of Western New York will get no account from me except such as they can

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pick up themselves; I will not join in the prevalent passion for biographical personalities and I will not eviscerate myself to satisfy the curiosity of the public "Let thy works praise thee!" seems to me the better plan for a plain man who has no ambitions except to justify his existence.

I am grateful for your letter saying you were better; as to my share of your burden this summer, I have been glad to aid in the work. I will send some additional matter for this coming week and it would be well to divide the whole copy so as to cover two weeks, as I go home Aug 28 and will need the two days 30 & 31 before my opening Sunday to shake things up in the parish. But the

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week after Sep. 1. I will have
the Good Govt work in hand again.
We hear good reports from
organization in Rochester and
I will include these in
my next "Copy".

The Oasis seems
to me too good to do any
thing but succeed. I am
heartily glad you have se-
cured such able helpers
in Syracuse & Chicago. I
wish we could get hold of the
Book-Publishers with a better grip
that department of the pa-
per ought to be made val-
uable. Can you bring it
about? Yours Always

Thomas R. Slicer

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