Woodville, N.Y., Jan 14

Dear Bro. Tourgee,

I ought to have acknowledged long since the receipt of your obliging response to my letter. It pleases me to know that the Club is to have your portrait and your song on its walls. Perhaps you have heard of the banquet that is to be given Jan. 24 in N.Y. city to the Hon. Francis M. Finch on his retirement from the Court of Appeals Bench, and in token of the estimation in which he is held as the laureate of 4r. His songs have formed an important part of the social life of the fraternity for nearly half a century. And his "The Blue and the Gray" and "Nathan Hale" have enjoyed great popularity as patriotic lyrics. I believe that it is expected that Stedman and Warner are to represent you literary people at the ovation. I hope that you may find it convenient to run to the city and participate in the festival. If you cannot

perhaps you will feel like doing your share of honor to the hero of the evening by writing a few words to be read at the board with other letters. In that case it would probably be proper to address them to the Hon. Theodore Bacon — who is to preside — Hotel Savoy, 59th Street, N.Y. city, in which hostelry the event is to occur, so that he would receive them at an early hour on the 24th. We shall welcome them when we hear them.

I have been spending the holidays here with my aged mother — who enters her ninety-second year next month. It is my first experience of America in the bleak season for several years. I must say that it all makes me long for the softness of Tuscan skies.

With cordial 4r salutations.

faithfully yours,
W. Fiske.

My address is always at the University Club, Madison Square, N.Y. city (or at the 4r Club, 64 West 34th Street).

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