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May 12th, 1897.

My Dear Sir:

Allow me to congratulate you. I notice by the morning paper that you are booked as Consul for Bordeaux, France.

Possibly it might have been pleasanter to have been located among the Bonnie Scots at Glasgow; but there are other places on earth beside Glasgow, and I think your friends surely picked out a pleasanter one when they sent you to Bordeaux in the sunny land of France.

And again; the commodities over which you will perhaps be called to exercise some supervision, that are exported from Bordeaux, have a warming influence round the heart,

I again wish to congratulate you and wish both you and your wife all the pleasure you can anticipate from so pleasant a location. It is only a just recognition of your public service.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

*Henry Nelson Lord*

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

New York, N. Y.

*Ans*