Washington, D.C.,

May 13th, 1897.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, New York.

My dear Sir:-

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment by the president to the Consulate at Bordeaux.

Some years ago, while Secretary of The Bethel Literary and Historical Association here, I had the great pleasure of meeting you — the man who had devoted so many years of labor, with purse, tongue and pen, for the amelioration of the condition of the American Negro.

It may appear to you that we, as a race, are not as active in our own behalf as we should be, and, therefore, you are apt to take a pessimistic view of our future. But rest assured that, though we oftimes dispair of securing those rights vouchsafed us by the Constitution, we are ever mindful of those white friends of ours. We know what sacrifices you have made for us. We know that the espousal of our cause has been the means of losing to you and yours that generous reward from your fellow countrymen which is the just recompense for honesty and well directed ability. Therefore we jealously watch your career and rejoice when fortune favors and honors fall upon you.

I sincerely trust that health and

prosperity will attend you while abroad, and that, after a pleasant sojourn, you may safely return to us.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Jackson,

Sixth Auditor's Office.

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