Albion W. Tourgée
Consul
Mr. Walter R. Hearne
H. B. M. Consul
~~at~~ Bordeaux
France.

52, Cours du Jardin-Public
1898

My dear Hearne:

As I put my flag at half-mast for your beloved Queen to-day, I could not resist the reflection that probably no man or woman, that ever lived, has been mourned by so many, so earnestly and sincerely as she will be. The American people will hardly yield to her own subjects in sorrow. They will not mourn so much because of her political ~~attitude~~ quality, since ~~because~~ only a few of the questions her nobility of soul has served to modify and wisely to direct, have touched their life so as to impress our public thought and popular sentiment. But as a woman and as one of the most noted personalities

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of the notable age which her wisdom and virtues have ~~gilded~~ enlighted with an inspiring example, she will be mourned in every Anglo-Saxon home.—

Perhaps no one ever lived so long in the focus of even a single nation's regard, against whom so little ~~blame~~ reproach has been uttered, with whom so little fault has been found, and against whom so little ~~[illegible]~~ will be remembered.—

—All who love justice and the virtues which adorn public and private life, feel today, that she has been a central ~~light~~ figure in a century in which Liberty as well as Science has made more progress

It is an honor to have served here as you have done, and a privilege to have lived in an epoch ~~[illegible]~~ ~~to have lived in a century~~ she did so much to make the greatest and sweetest ~~among the~~ in all the world's ~~epochs~~ history.

Sincerely Yours

Albion W. Tourgée.

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