"The Manse"
Colwyn Penna

Monday May 22. 1905

My Dear Mrs Tourgée:

Almost the first thing that caught my eye in this morning's Phil^a. Press was a picture of my friend "the Judge's" face, and I knew at once, that the end of his earthly life and career had come. A great sense of personal loss swept over me. The streams of life, and duty had ~~swept~~ borne us far asunder during the later years, sea, and land in their wide stretches separated us — but I could always think of him, as accessible in some way, and to some degree, but now he has gone hence, and the world seems empty by reason of his absence. I doubt whether

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he ever knew the strength of my attach-
-ment for him. There was such a vigor,
and self reliance about him, such
a dependence on himself, that it
seemed to me, that any expressions
of regard sounded like mockery
to him, and I was constrained
not to speak them, when most
inclined. But I am sure, that he
must have known that I had a
profound respect for him. You
could not but have known, that
I cherished for him a true, and
abiding friendship. There were elements
in his nature, that made a last-
-ing impression upon me, and
that have been a source of strength
and courage to me, in all the
years since I first met him.
At the request of one of our

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Editors, I once wrote an article on the Judge's character and career, in which I called especial attention to these qualities. My heart goes out to you, and Aimée in this bereavement that has come to you in a far off land. You were so much to him, and he was so much to you. I am wondering how you are bearing it all, and what the influence of it will be on your lives, where you will make your home, whether you will return to this country, or abide in the land of your sojourn during these later years. Perhaps it is all too soon, for you to determine these questions, as I presume, it will require time to adjust things, &c. When you can find time to write me even briefly I should be glad to hear

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of the auto &c. and of your own plans for the future. And be assured that if there is anything, in any way which I can do, I am at your service.

In regard to ourselves, you will pardon me for saying, for I believe you will be interested in knowing, that we are all fairly well. Our daughter Martha (Mrs Timmons) who makes her home with us, is the happy mother of a dear boy "Russell", six months old yesterday. She had a trying time, but is now regaining strength.

"Ned" is the Pastor of Calvary Ch. West New Brighton Staten Island (in Greater New York.) He is doing a good work, seems greatly beloved, and we trust will have a successful career.

Mrs Russell and the whole household join me in loving regards, and sincere sympathies. May Our Heavenly Father keep you in His loving care and comfort you.

Yours Most Cordially J. L. Russell

I enclose a clipping from the Ohio Tribune of the date
J. L. R.