I received the paper you sent containing the notice of the funerals

Trinity. June 4. 1905

My Dear Mrs. Tourgee.

I have been wanting to write to you ever since I heard the sad news of the Judge's death; but I did not know whether you would remain in France or come home to New York. I was deeply grieved. You know I always loved the Judge and you from a little girl. I was only twelve years old when the Judge first came to our house and I remember the occasion so vividly. Afterward I had such nice visits at your house when Millie was there. It seems so sad to think that so many of them have passed over the river. The Judge was always my ideal of manly excellence and I know how you & Lodie will miss him. If I knew any words that would comfort you in your sorrow,

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how gladly I would write them, but alas! I know from experience that time is the only healer and that after awhile you will learn to bear your sorrow more patiently. You must write to me when you can and tell me something (if you can) of the judges' last illness and also tell me something about your plans. I always hoped I would see you and the Judge again, but it was not to be. Perhaps I may sometime see you and Lodie. I hope so any way. My Mothers' health is far from good, but she keeps up and goes about with me. We are alone, except when one of the boys come home for their vacation. Three of them were here last week. Bruce & his Wife have been here a month. Give my love to Lodie and write to me when you can. Ma sends love and sympathy.

Affectionately Your friend
Nannie A. Craven.

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