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Dear Mrs Gourgee,

It was very good
of you to write me the long
letter containing so many
details of the illness and last
moments of the dear Judge.
What a consolation in your great
grief to think that you were
able to minister to him all the
time and that ^{at} the last when
no longer able to speak he cast
a loving look on his Queen of

Hearts. You and your dear daughter will only live for each other now and try to comfort each other by the thought that he is at rest all his suffering over. You must try to recover your strength dear M^{rs} Gourgée; you must be quite worn out with the long nursing of the beloved invalid. We shall look forward to seeing you & Miss Gourgée this autumn; we have always hoped to have you here, all three; but he has gone to a better country, and if you had been asked to choose you would not have chosen to be taken first.

We got La Petite Giroude containing an account of all the honours rendered at the funeral, showing the esteem and respect in which he was held among his confrères. I am writing this from my couch to which I am confined with a phlebitis. I had an attack of this troublesome complaint about six weeks ago and suppose, in my anxiety to be doing my share of the work, I walked about too soon, for it has come back worse than before, now I cannot say when I shall be able to put my foot on the ground. My inability to do anything requiring movement

makes the household duties fall rather too heavily on my sister who is very poorly helped by the servants one gets here; much worse than in Bordeaux and you know what some of them were.

My sister desires her kind regards to you both & deepest sympathy in your great sorrow. Yours very sincerely
Louisa Fenton