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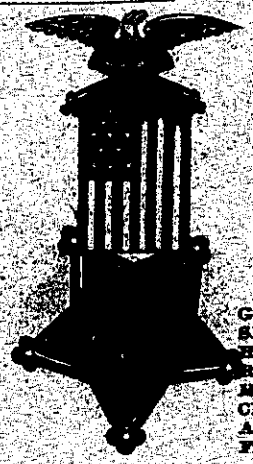

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Washington, D. C., Nov. 9, 1905.

Col. Byron A. Sperry,
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My dear Comrade:

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th instant, conveying the invitation of your Post, to be present at the burial services of our old friend, Judge Tourgee on the 14th instant. If it were possible for me to accept the invitation, I can assure you that it would be a great satisfaction to me to be present on that sad occasion.

I had the honor of the Judge's acquaintance and friendship for long years, and prized them highly. At his personal request, I said some very earnest words to President McKinley in favor of his appointment as Consul, and rejoiced greatly when he was chosen.

Comrade Tourgee's death was a distinct loss to our Order, to our citizenship, and to all that makes for the betterment of the Republic. We will treasure his memory with affectionate regard, and indulge ourselves in the hope of a reunion on the far shore.

Cordially yours,
In F. C. & L.,

James Tanner

Commander-in-Chief,
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