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December 31, 1905.

Mrs. Albion T. Tourgee,
Mayville, Ny.

My dear Mrs. Tourgee:

I am making certain investigations preliminary to the preparation of a paper bearing ^{upon} the work of the late Judge Tourgee in behalf of the civil and political rights of the colored people of the United States. Of his many efforts in this behalf, I have always regarded his Bystander's Notes, published originally and in part in the Chicago Inter-Ocean several years ago, as not the least effective. I always looked forward with pleasant anticipations for the coming of the Weekly Inter-Ocean because of his "Notes"

I am anxious to learn if those notes were ever published in volume and if so where they can be obtained. I kept for several years copies of the Inter-Ocean which contained them, until unfortunately I left them in North Carolina some years ago when they disappeared.

I shall thank you also if you would be kind enough to inform me where I can find the best biographical sketch of Judge Tourgee.

I have not been able to find anything satisfactory. I recall that in one of his contributions to the Inter-Ocean he related the circumstances that particularly caused him to devote his wonderful talents and to dedicate his large soul to the cause of human freedom as it related to the black man of the South. This information

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I am especially anxious to secure, and if it is not asking too much of you, I shall thank you very much for any light you can shed or direct me to find in this connection.

Judge Tourgee was wont to say that he stood as the tribune of an oppressed people and such I always regarded him with a grateful heart.

Sincerely sympathising with you in the bereavement that came to you last summer and thanking you for your courtesy in respect to the foregoing, I am with sentiments of highest respect and esteem,

Very truly,

J. L. Lowe,
1706-17th St. N.W.