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ADELBERT MOOT.
HENRY W. SPRAGUE.
GEORGE F. BROWNELL.
WILLIAM L. MARCY.

Buffalo, N.Y. February 14th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

I hope to adjust the Mutual Life Insurance matter in such form as to get the largest part of the money in the very near future, leaving the litigation to continue as to the amount in dispute, with the understanding that if we are beaten we pay no costs, but if the company is beaten it must pay costs to the extent allowed by law. The six per cent. interest that the company has to pay from September 13th, unless some such arrangement is entered into, is an argument that is helping me in these negotiations.

As to making an address Decoration Day, I consider it an honor to have been asked by you to do it, and I certainly do not feel at liberty to decline, under such circumstances, because I know had the Judge survived me he would not have declined such a request from my family. I like, also, your thought that attention shall be given to the work of the Judge as a law-giver, and I note the great importance of the information contained in your letter, and in the newspaper clippings, because I had not known of this important work by the Judge until I received your letter. Any other facts you can communicate to me, by clippings, by letter, or otherwise, that you think I ought to know, I shall gladly receive. I know, of course, the large part the Judge had in preparing the legislation of North Carolina, and as a Judge in that state. He told me, also of the incident in his life where he faced many men ready to shoot him in court, I suppose some of the very men selected for that purpose mentioned in the clippings you sent me.

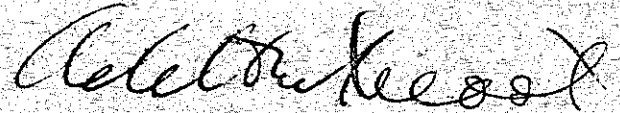
You say a "short address." People differ so in their estimates upon such a subject, that I will ask you to tell me who else, if any one,

you expect to deliver an address at the same time; also about how many minutes you mean by a "short address." Such an address for such an occasion should be general, not too detailed, should not be too long, should be carefully prepared, and should be delivered from the manuscript, even though it lose in feeling what it shall gain in succinctness and accuracy; at least, these are my views, and I hope they may not seem out of place to you.

Mrs. Moot went to the Island of Cuba with her son, almost immediately after you left here, and she has not yet returned.

Kindly remember me to your daughter, and believe me,

Sincerely your friend,



To

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,

#2015 Kalorama Avenue,

Washington, D. C.