Greystone
14 February 1906

My dear Mrs Tourgée

Your letter was a delightful surprise, thank you for it a thousand times. You are both constantly in our thoughts and on our tongues and now we can picture you as well in the midst of all your beautiful surroundings, gathered from foreign parts and hallowed by many precious memories. I can picture it all and your dear face saddened yet happy as you have come home. Few women can rejoice in such a past as yourself and I hope it may brighten

you to and help to fill up the
space which can never other-
wise be refilled. your life
was a very beautiful one,
as everyone knew who looked
at you. the engraving
will indeed be welcomed by
us, it is very good of you
to let us have one and
we shall greatly value it.
I read the little book with
much interest but it is
horrible to think of [illegible]
your ancestor fled from
a scene of such horror.
Working Men, did well at the
election and helped to
turn out a Lowther and
put in a Howard and
then the venerable father
of Mrs Curwen was sent
back by a wonderful

majority. England has never
seen such a revolution,
one by one the seats were
wrested from the Tory gov-
ernment until all had
gone, not a Cecil was left
and Balfour had to accept
a seat from another
member. Parliament opens
on the 19th and I will order
paper giving an account of
the proceedings. [illegible]
[illegible] to wear [illegible]
dress at the Levée which
is an admirable thing.
We are so glad the white heather
reached you safely & promptly,
it encourages one for future
sendings and how nice
of the big coloured cask to
gratify you so promptly too.
We are in such an untidy

taste just now; but are are
filled with Herbert's goods
and all of us too busy to
attend to the ordering of
our own household busy
it does not matter for
very soon we hope to be
on the wing and when
we return we shall have
the new house to look to.
Then next year when you come to
us you will have a
nice little garden to
have tea in and other
improvements also, I hope.
Herbert is very much pleased
with his prospect at Henley
he has been so very cordially
welcomed by two or three of
the good families in the
place and there seem to
be really nice people

all about. He is quite
happy now and interested
in the setting up. I have
just read Mrs H. Ward's new
book, after reading Helbeck
I resolved it should be the last,
they are so very painful.
I am reading Landor's dialogs
which are very interesting
and in parts the writing
is very beautiful. Poor
Landor, his home life was
the very opposite of yours
and it ought to have been
so happy. He has a wonder-
ful charm and deserved a
better fate. His is one of the
autographs I greatly covet
and cannot get.
We are very much pleased
with our new member,
Mr Stewart-Smith. He is speaking

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precious speech wonderfully and there is a majority, good all round win. Aimée would greatly have enjoyed the election day. My sister brought her car and did excellent work and there was very great excitement all round. Bagot was a difficult candidate to oppose on account of his personal popularity. The Smiths intend to take a house in the neighbourhood again so we shall probably see more of them.
When we have decided where to go I will send you a card and do let us hear of you occasionally it is such a pleasure. My dear love to Aimée.

yrs. ever affectionately
Constance Shepherd.

"Cousin Charlie" would of course join in all loving greetings if he were in.

Saunders did splendidly and
turned a complete somersault.

Our Canadian friends are
going to Lake Placid for
the summer

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