Greystone
11 March 1906.

My dear Mrs Tourgée

At last I have a quiet few minutes in which to acknowledge your kind thought of us. This house of Hubert's occupies all my time and involves so much business correspondence that there is no time left for the friends who are so constantly in my thoughts. We went over to Derby last week to choose carpets & beds so that they should be ready when needed & on the 19th we leave home, get him

Enter yrs. affectionately
Constance Shepherd.
Charlie's Love, of course

well settled in and then
go to visit Tom, after
which we hope to go
abroad & to rest for this
rush is very trying.
Thank you so very much
for the illustration, it
will indeed complete the
page and I am so glad
to have it. You are so
good in thinking of all
these interesting sources
and I can assure you
that they are very fully
appreciated & valued.
Hubert is going to write
about the book. He said
at once that Aimée had
spoken to him about it,
it was so kind of you to send
it. I fancy you will be all
alone now, that Aimée
will be in Georgia. I hope
she may not be long away
and I wonder whether any
one is with you. Does she
make way with the new
book and is there any
hope of a new edition.
As each boy leaves home
I find that he carries off
with him the Judge's
books and we have now
very few left, so when
the new edition comes
out I hope to get a full
number. Not long since
our Canadian friends
sent me such an inter-
esting account of Booker
Washington & his work.
Have you an autograph
of his that you can spare
me? And can you tell

me the author of these lines? Are they by Wendell Philips? and can you also tell me if he has any relative alive to whom I could write for his autograph. Do write occasionally whilst we are away, if you direct to M. P. Shepherd 10, Sutherland Place, Bayswater, London W. Maurice will always forward at once and it is so nice to hear of you, I get anxious when we do not hear for some time, you have for so long been such a living interest to us. The card was very interesting but the picture of the birthplace was what delighted me most.

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