

Lettre de Ben P. Gray à Émile Zola datée du 12 février 1898

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Transcription

Texte de la lettre

Louisville, Ky., U. S. A.

February, 12th 1898

Most Esteemed Sir.

That most generous and noble motive which prompts all lovers of truth and justice to array themselves upon the side of the weak and the oppressed, is most beautifully portrayed in your laudable efforts in the behalf of that most unfortunate martyr, Capt Alfred Dreyfus, and from this beautiful country of ours, "the land of the free, and the bower of the brave" where charity and justice go hand in hand a reponse goes forth to you from the hearts of very true American, of admiration sympathy and encouragement in your labor of love so nobly begun and with the hope that long way it continue, or until justice be done. Capt Dreyfus is most unfortunate it seems, because in the eyes of his countrymen, he is guilty of that unpardonable sin, being born a Jew, and a martyr too, he is because he [not illisible][1] suffers an untold punishment, for a crime of which he is innocent, while the real culprit walks aroad in the full enjoyment of the honor, respect, and confidence of his country and countrymen. Can this be justice ?

Oh France if those be not already dead to shame, awake ! And by that which is noble, and by that which is just, wipe away from thy ever fair name this stain of infamy which will forever stand a blot most foul upon thy escutcheon.

With the highest esteem, Dear Sir, of yourself and your noble work, I am,

Most Respectfully

Ben P. Gray

To Emile Zola,

[1] Je lis « wuv ».

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- Collection famille Émile-Zola
- Dreyfus
- France
- innocent

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Hen. Enrich Zola,
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