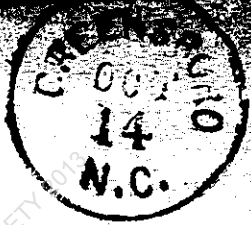


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LECTURES

SEASON 1875-'76:

The Coming Crusade,
To-day in Account with Yesterday,
"Out of the Strong-Sweetness,"
The Ben Adhemite Era,
Southern Humor.

FROM ALBION W. TOURGEE,

Author of Toinette, &c.

-LATE-

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Oct. 13th 1878

Sunday evening -
6 P. M.

My very dear wife:

I would give anything, in the world if I

could see you tonight but I would not have you here to suffer as I know you would for all the world - I think I never needed you so much and yet would not have you here for anything. In fact, while I know and feel how much I need you I never want you at all - It is simply awful though, the way I am situated. I frequently come in at 10 or 11 at night after riding 20 or 30 miles and can get nothing to eat but some cold trash which I have to munch down just to ease life - Two or three times, I have been from breakfast to breakfast, without a mouthful. Then when I go away, there is no such thing as a lunch. Your mother will not let Fanny do a thing for me and I shall discharge her tomorrow and go to a hotel - I may be no better off there but I cannot stand this. Your mother talks of going out to bestow herself on Eliza and if she does I can get along very comfortably - I can live well enough if she will let my servant do as I say. If not, I cannot live at all - But never mind these things now - They are very light. I went out to Brown's Summit yesterday. Weston withdrew. It was the biggest fool thing a man ever did, for him. I don't think it hurt me much - Deales was very jubilant at first, but I think the Lord was with me, for I got on him and literally trampled him for an hour like perfect demon of wrath. People looked fairly terrified - Carroll, of the Times, who was there was perfectly amazed - He had no idea there was such a storm in me - Deales floundered through his reply and then I scotched him again - It is a straight out dog-fall now and I believe I shall beat him - There is no knowing, however, such men as old man Willis, Van Story and a lot of others, whom I never thought of being that way

are hot Iowa men + I am preaching a crusade
like Peter the Hermit only mine is for good money,
good order and good sense - The Ohio elections
and other Western States strengthen me. I mean
to win, if possible. You will hear from me in the
Times. I am going to pour hot-chol from this point
on to the end of the campaign - Deuel - Vance
Merrimon and XX Robins, are all here to fight
me - The more the better. The greater the host the grander
is the victory - I believe God is on my side and is touch-
ing the hearts of the people - They give up Guilford to me -
I think I shall get Person. I count on Randolph and Da-
vison with Stokes also, and Curwell sure, he will
get Rockingham and Alamance - I expect to cut down the
vote in the former - The old 1868 fellows are coming back -
Only Winstead and Boyd are disgruntled now. The people have
got the idea, in their heads that I am sure to be elected which is
worth a great deal -

I wish I could come and chat with you about 24 hours
but I cannot -

God bless you -

Kiss the Pet -

Yours truly

A. J. Tourege