

LECTURES

SEASON 1875-'76:

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

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My Darling Wife:

It is now late Sat. night. I have been hard at work since Thursday morning upon my digest - It was necessary that I should work hard to counteract my depression - as you may believe - I think I have gotten over it pretty well now, though I have not yet trusted myself to go down town - I have been very anxious about you all day - Your fear would some believe run and my paper and delay my work - I am afraid the dis-
 appointment has made you sick - I have thought all the time that you were utterly prostrated - I somehow dread its effect upon you more than anything else - I have fairly tumbled every time the door bell rang lest I should have such tidings from you - Do not be despondent Darling - All will come out right - I am sure of that - Of course we are but blind moles - God knows I am not sorry for the course I have taken - It will bring good fruit in the end - It is true that it seems terribly bitter now but time will modify it and show us our folly in grieving over it - I shall finish my book first. Then I shall look out for something else - I have no idea what but something wise containing turn up to our advantage - I think that Douglas and I will have the copy all done by Dec. 15th ex-

cept the winter - that will take about two
weeks more. Then I shall have no more ties
to bind me to N. C., and will go wherever fate
directs. If my majority vote had been a
reasonable one, I could have obtained some
appointment on the strength of it. As it is, of
course, I am dead politically and can have
no more place in public life until I make
one which must be somewhere else. I
am not making any plans, at all, for the
future and shall not at present. But
do not lose heart dear. I will come
out right or die in the fight. I am so
sorry for many of my good friends -
It is distressing to see their grief. I
have not said or written a word to any
one about the future. Keep up a brave
heart and God bless you.

Good night Darling

Albion