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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.

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JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 14" 1878

My dear wife: Your letter of Monday was received today - I mean to write you every day but yesterday slipped by without a letter - I hardly know how only I am working very hard - You need not be afraid for me, brave wife, if I could despair you would enhearten me without fail - I know you are writing more bravely than you feel but that very fact inspires me all the more - I am doing - the only thing I can do now, working up my book and working very hard too - I shall wait till that is done before stretching out for anything else - I do not think much of the idea of going to Erie, though it may come - You might counsel Frank Garrison on the matter or have Angie do it - It might serve as a dernier resort. You know it would hurt my pride terribly to go back there but I will put that aside if need be - Steve Douglas and I are talking strongly of going to Chicago. You must know that we have become quite inseparable - He is just the pleasantest man I ever worked with and such an inborn gentleman that I really love him as he certainly does me - You would be surprised to see how he has changed - If he gets his cotton claim we shall certainly do it - At all events, he means to try and arrange so that we can do it - I will not worry you with any of the details as the scheme is yet inchoate. You may be sure that we have thought of you and your comfort in arranging them all - It did not strike me well at first but the more we talk of it, the better I like it. It was his proposal entirely. He wants to raise funds for a year and let us go shares - I think we should succeed - You may write as much as you choose and prospect all you can for I want to take the best chance that offers - I know that God will lead us, and I am quite willing to follow

anywhere - "I had some slight allegiance till this hour,
but now, my sword's my own".

I am afraid of your monthly wages being so bad - I fear
it points to some disease - What does the Dr say about
the matter - Fanny is married tonight and Mary Sampson
came in today. Rosa is cooking so for us now.

I will write often but do not get time to write long letters,
In fact I have no more to write - I am not sad nor
discouraged but am just working away and waiting for the
Society's purpose to be made manifest - I should never think of
despair while I have such dear darlings on my hands - It is
hard to have you so far away but I know how you would suffer if
you were here even for a time - You could help us very much, espe-
cially in the indexing which is a big job and has to be done as we
go along but I will try to get on without you - I hope to be done
by Jan. 1st and then to go - God knows where - Kiss Lizzie
and give the girls my love - I know they have taken most
loving care of you in your tribulation -

God bless you darling

Albion