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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,

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JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh

~~FRENCHBORO~~, N. C.

February 18 1879

My Darling Wife,

My heart is full of love for you. You

are indeed a wonder - and I am weak and unworthy of you but I can love you Oh so much! I hope you will never regret the tender loan you granted me, and I will avouch that you shall not be tormented when I come to you. It is a bright morning, after a rainy night and day, yesterday, and everything looks as bright and cheery as can be. You were kind too, to offer to ~~you~~ here should I remain. Like you, I am not anxious to stay, but if I can do reasonably well here this year, it seems to me that I had better stay. There does not seem as yet, to be any specific landing, as to what I had better do. I think it very possible that I can do better ~~you~~ than anywhere else just now. If the Legislature does not make a Code Commission - as they are trying to do - though I think the thing has about played out by some skilful maneuvering against it - I can put in some of my best work very easily and make something out of it - My idea, if the paper starts, is, to open an office here, work in it from 10 oc. till 4 oc. then go to dinner and at seven or so, go to the newspaper office and work until 12 or 2 oc. Of course, I shall be glad to have you help me and will make you an assistant with the greatest pleasure. I do not know what will be the show on the matter, but I shall count on doing the best that may be done. It would be a great happiness if I could see best to come to Erie, or anywhere else in the great free, happy North, but we must look at things as they are and do our best. It may be that the Spring

Courts will open favorably to me, so as to show that I ought, certainly to remain. The new railroad from Fayetteville will reach Greensboro this year and if we can hold on our property will be of value there. I am sure of one thing, Darling, we are going to have a happy life together, if we ever get together, wherever we may live. God bless you, my beloved, I will do all I can for your pleasure and have no thought to compare with the one engrossing idea of your pleasure and happiness.

I do think that I have quite sunk myself in contemplation of the future. In fact, I hardly think I have ever thought much of myself in that. It has been a burning desire on my part to gratify you in every wish you could have. If I have failed, it has been more grief to me, I am sure, than to you. On the other hand, I now realize, that your grief was for me, and I mistook it somewhat. I never will do so any more dearest.

So, you thought your leave would come too late, did you? I had not yielded, as you thought I would, I knew you would rather I would, than suffer as I had, but I had determined that I would not act upon that, so I did not. I guess I will not tell you how opportune it was. You might be sorry that you had not sent it before.

Engelhard was buried yesterday and John Manning appointed in his place. The Engelhard's are going to Florida. So far as I can learn Miss Plunk takes charge of the family. She is said to be a very pleasant and sensible girl. I think she will make their fund of \$25,000 go a good long way.

As you say, Henry is a brute. He was down here a week after his business was done, - as dirty as a hog and lying around Kate's every night, as I am told. He says it has been coming on her for a year or more but the shock came soon after Christmas - I am real sorry about that Valentine not being sent. I really forgot it until after the day. The Darling must excuse her careless paper -

Love to all
Yours
Albin