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Dictated.

Hon. A.W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir; Enclosed find draft for $50. in payment of last letter, for which you will please sign and return enclosed receipt.

In this connection allow us to call attention to the fact that whoever answered Dr. Fry's letter relative to the missing ~~letter~~ MS. makes a bad case for the Mayville end, in saying that the clerk at Mayville distinctly remembers that there were two envelopes, and the only two long envelopes in the mail that day. Now, of course, the truth is, there ought to have been three, one for the paper at Cincinnati, and ~~two~~ one each for Chicago and St Louis. Our St Louis editor who, was left out, was quite indignant, and we trust that great care will be taken, as we have no doubt there will be, to prevent a repetition of this disappointment.

Yours Truly,

Cranston & Stowe

Saturday and it has been done without any failure except one when sickness prevented. Neither the western nor the Northwestern required this. I send yours at the same time because two copies are as easily made as one. Did send the other three off on Monday.

But whatever the arrangement Dr Fry should have presumed that I — or whoever wrote to him on my behalf — inclined of making out a bad or good "showing for the Mayville end" would have told the truth. This is what the Mayville end endeavors to do. It may not be good at excuses but it can tell the truth as easily and often and of conscience with as little compunctions as any one in the "connexion" — whether minister or layman.

~~Kinsley~~ not "indignant"; but having disarranged my other work in order to accommodate Dr Fry, I do not want any such imputation of neglect or unfairness made ~~especially~~ by him in the premises and will not hold my pen when they are made.

Kinsley

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Gentlemen:

Referring to yours of the 16" allow me to say that you are either mistaken in your suppositions or unfortunate in your [illegible]. You say "whoever answered Dr Fry's letter [illegible]" [illegible]

Now, the ~~simple truth~~ fact is there was no "'cuse" to be "made out" for the Mayville end". Dr Fry should know better than to think that Mrs. Tourgee or I would ~~lie~~ tell an untruth in order to excuse any failure. In every instance ex=cept one, his copy has been mailed on Saturday. In that case sickness prevented the typewriter work being done. In three years of weekly work I have ~~never~~ missed mailing my matter at the agreed time but ~~twice~~ once. Now Dr Fry can know without inquiry or question that at 4.30 o'clock every Saturday afternoon (the mail leaving at 5 oc) his copy will be mailed. And you and he will remember that this is four days earlier than I agreed to mail it — that is I agreed to sup=ply the copy one week before the date of publication. Of course this is of no consequence but I have a spe=cial pride in these things and do not like to have it supposed that I work on any hit or miss plan in regard to them.

Of course Dr Fry should not be "indignant" at me for this instance [illegible]

As to the two envelopes in regard to which he is "indignant", the statement is entirely correct. We have to make five copies of the letters. Two of these are made on Saturday and sent off on the mail Saturday evening — one to the Western and the other to the Central. The Northwestern not caring for ~~it~~ its copy until Tuesday or Wednesday is served by send=ing its ~~copy~~ on Monday Morning at ten oclock ~~Monday morning~~. These things are as regular in my household as the church bells in a city. Last week Mrs. T- being sick and no type-writer in town there came near being a miss but was not. There seems to be some little irregularity with the St Louis mail = route. Leaving here at 5 o'clk. p.m. the letter should be in St. Louis about 6 Sunday p.m.