

Hon. Albion Tourgic.

50 SOUTH ST.,
PITTSFIELD, MASS.

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My dear Sir: It is with extreme reluctance that I am compelled to decline your very kind offer. I have been unable to induce our publisher to consent to the expense, although I offered to give ~~him~~ ^{to} \$300 toward it, from my private purse.

Thanking you for your courtesy,
I am very truly yours,
Harlan H. Ballard