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Dictated.

My Dear Judge: -

Your hearty letters breathe the spirit of the olden time, and are correspondingly refreshing.

Your objurgations, meditations, and suggestions on the subject of the title page are mostly just, and altogether worthy consideration. I think myself, the thing is far too much mixed. Before going ahead, however, with new typesetting, I will submit to you one or two suggestions in the manuscript, and your long experience in book-making will enable your imagination to body forth the thing as it will probably look. I propose, therefore:

I. Murvale Eastman:
Christian Socialist.

A Novel.

By

Albion W. Tourgee. or,

II. Murvale Eastman.

A Novel.

By

Albion W. Tourgee.

I send you the old proof with the new stuff pinned on for your examination; and, for style, I propose for the main title the type of "A Royal Gentleman" as in title page herewith.

Then, for the lower part, we will either put in the winged book or leave it out, as you prefer. I think this will be, perhaps, as apt an emblem of the present work as it has ever been ^{of any}, and since it is on all the volumes of "The Story of

Epoch," and since, also, we shall bind it up by itself in style, and also uniform with the sets, perhaps it will be as well to put ^{that} it in; but that shall be according to your preference.

I have sent to the printer all the material excepting the chapter on "The Aloe Blossom," and that I had supposed would be the last; but your manuscript-letter seems to suggest still another, although the talk between Underwood and Kishu covers the ground of which you spoke [as to the "religious and anti-religious"], and the crisis arrived at intimates the proper "conclusion of the whole matter." I do not see why this would not do as a finale, but if you have more to say, speak on!

I received from the fair maiden in the City of Brotherly Love a suggestive sketch for the side of the book, coupled, however, with a prayer and a warning not to make it "too giddy," as she thinks over elaboration is apt to pall upon the taste; in which she is doubtless right. I shall seek the collaboration of an experienced artist in such matters, and will submit his working out of her designs to her for her criticism. The young lady seems to have a mind of her own, and a very deft way of expressing it.

Sincerely,
R.H.

By way of showing you why I feel happy over the recent election day, I enclose in the package of galley proofs that goes by this mail a letter in the Springfield Republican from a level headed brother-in-law of mine - George D. Merriam. And with your views of the oppressiveness of combined Capital & the tendency of the day to grind up the poor in the hopper of the rich, I don't see why you too should not rejoice in this check to Quakerism & the Confucianism administered by indignant Republicans. I don't want to stir you up as Babba's, however.