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R. A. ALGER,  
DETROIT, MICH.

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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee.

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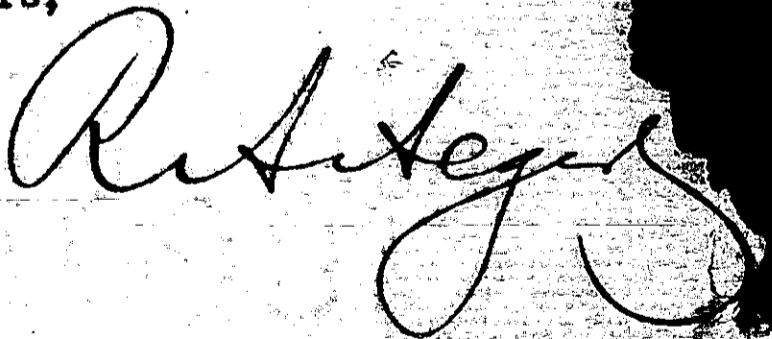
My dear Sir;-

There is a tone in your letter, that is most uncomfortable for me an admiring friend, to read. I know and appreciate what disappointment is, as I have met with so many of them. But I do not know how it seems for a man to be in a physical condition where he thinks his life is near its end. I hope in this, that you are soon to be back to vigorous health again, and cannot believe otherwise. Neither do I like to hear you say "good bye".

I return you your letter written me concerning business, and also yours of the 10th. Anything commended to my care, is and always will be, safe from publication.

With a small reminder that I am your friend,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. A. Alger". The signature is written in dark ink and is located at the bottom right of the letter, below the typed name "Sincerely yours,". The signature is somewhat stylized, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.