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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Judge:--

Yours is at hand. Many thanks for check for \$150.00. Your other letter is also received. I would say that those letters were opened ~~thoughtlessly~~ and that while I am in the office it will not occur again except a letter be opened by mistake which might happen with any one, but not knowingly you do me an injustice in saying that I was holding back your mail. What object on earth would I have for doing that? The fact is that I was at home sick in bed for three days and as soon as I got down to the office I bundled up the mail and sent it on. I came down for fifteen minutes one morning but was too sick to think of it or tell anyone in the office to send it. In no sense I held it back, but not in the sense you mean.

I have not sent bills to the two publishers, but will if that is your wish. You did not send me Smith's book. I believe that the only money he paid in here was \$1.50 for W. T. Hornaday, but it is hard for me to tell without any of the books to refer to. Father was down in Batavia the other day and Rev. T. C. Cardus said that he paid Smith for the BASIS and that others did. Of course we have not had any report of these. We thought that it might be wise to put an item in the Batavia paper in regard to it, unless possibly he has already reported the matter to you.

I send you some copies of last week's BASIS but it leaves scarcely any over out of 1500. I sent 100 to the News Co. Is that right or shall I cut them off altogether? The letter paper and envelopes will be sent to you to-day. I don't know as the size of paper is just what you want. If not will print you some more.

Will take an inventory of papers and let you know how many of each and also send you by freight fifty of each that we have.

Mr. Willis was just in and left a subscription and wanted to know if he might have a list of the subscribers in the city so that in canvassing he would not call on them.

Of course you understand that there is no time to send you proof of BASIS this week. We will read it carefully and have it on the press at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

