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To the Editor

The Atlantic Monthly,

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Dear Sir: I have had in mind ever since my husband's death--now three and a half years ago--to write a series of articles relating to our life in the South--especially dealing with the Reconstruction --a very interesting period of our Nation's history, not wholly understood by the present day generation.

You may not know that my husband, Judge Tourgee, went to North Carolina in July 1865 to make his permanent home in that State as his health had been much impaired by his army service, and he was advised that he could not live long in the North. He was a member of both Constitutional Conventions, on the Superior Court bench of the Seventh Judicial District for six years and very prominent in all matters pertaining to the troublous times of Reconstruction. I was with him very closely through it all, and have at my hand all the data necessary to give an accurate account "from the inside".

It has been suggested to me by a literary friend that such a series might be interesting to the readers of The Atlantic Monthly, which is the cause of my addressing you.

The enclosed clipping from The Buffalo Express of October 25th, --which by the way was written to enable me to give a little--only "a widow's mite"--to the Rep. Nat. Campaign fund--may give some idea of my literary ability. If you would please look it over and let me hear from you, I shall be much obliged. You can return the clipping to me, for which I enclose stamp.

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

