

Washington, Pa.

Oct 17. '89.

Hon. W. W. Bourgeois
Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am a student in college at this place and am on for a literary contest. In wishing, in the preparation therefore, to acquaint myself with somewhat of the present condition of our own country, have chosen the Southern question for my subject.

I have ^{read} ~~read~~ all of your published works for several times and take great interest in reading your magazine articles.

I know that you are the best person to appeal to at this

-I would like to advise me what works I can obtain that bear directly on this question.

I have read a great deal of history that treats in a general way of this section but desire now to get some works that bear directly on the present condition of the South.

Any advice that you may give me as to works of this kind and where I may obtain them will be considered as a very great favor and I will, Dear Sir, consider it a pleasure to say for you a kind word or do you a kind act whenever I may have opportunity

Very Truly Yours
Wm B Allison