

# The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, February 13th, 1892.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Judge;

I am awfully sorry that there has been such delay in those pamphlets, but it seems impossible in the printing line to get anything done promptly that is done with care. Our Curiosity Shop is away behind, and we think we have that with the best printer in town. Did not give it to Belford Clarke Co. I met Mr. Belford on the street and he said he would send you some of those pamphlets this afternoon. I am going to telephone over to see whether he has done so. I hope they will be all right. I have very little doubt about that story "Out of the Sunset Sea" being first rate. It will probably be all the better over the worry that precedes it. There is generally in this world comparatively little good that comes along without having been wrought in distress and pain, but I hope you will not have any more of it in regard to that story. I hope the pamphlets will suit you and that they will continue to be in great demand, and that you will much more than get your money back.

Please say to Mrs. Tourgee by way of apology from me that I received her note in regard to royalty on books published by Belford, Clarke Co. and at once wrote them as suggested. Mr. Belford said as soon as they got reports from all their various agencies he would send in the account, that the sale had

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been exceedingly small. He also wrote me in regard to the publication of the other articles <sup>John W. Luskman</sup> in book form. He unfortunately had not read them closely but that his experience with all books in regard to economics had had slow sales, that even very good books that had been published had failed to meet with any demand from the public, that if The Inter Ocean would guarantee to take a certain number he would undertake it. I cannot lay my hand on his letter just now but perhaps will in a day or two and will send it to you.

Very Truly Yours,

*Alfred Russel Wallace*