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The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, Aug. 8, 1893.

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

My dear Judge:

I returned from my western trip late last week only to find financial matters in a worse condition than when I went away. Like almost every other large establishment in the country we are forced to acknowledge the necessity of large retrenchment in our expenses, and after consultation I have been directed to notify you that for at least the next 60 days we shall have to suspend "Bystander's Notes". Whether we will be able to continue their publication after that or not is a question that I cannot decide. You may be sure that it is unpleasant to me to have to notify you of this decision, as I regret to part with so old and valued a contributor and friend as yourself. There however seems to be a necessity for prompt action all along the line.

Very Truly Yours,

Wm. B. Hooper