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 956 Bell Ave  
 Denver Colo.

Albion W. Gourse:-

My dear, but stronger friend:-

I have decided to write ~~you~~ a few lines, as I fail to find your writings in the Enter Ocean any more. I have been taking the Enter Ocean on account of your writings, and I have failed to find any statement in its columns of what your writings do not appear in it any more. In what paper do your writings appear at present? The Enter Ocean is almost worthless without them in this hour of want of nearly every thing that is pure and just. I was glad to find that you was such a bold defender of <sup>an</sup> humanity and justice. We must be drawn near to a flood of evil on account of the abundance of innocent blood shed in our land. God, and his word is against such atrocious crimes. I am printing a little paper (Truth Crushed) that I have mailed to you a number of times. I suppose you have received several copies of it. It, of course, has shown you how I understand the present evil state of affairs among our people to-day. The Southern leaders have advocated murder, and the North has tamely submitted to it, until today crime reigns, and justice is greatly wanting. The minister has lowered its standard

also on a level with a carnal and murderous people.  
Just how long this state of affairs may be allowed  
to stand is yet a little uncertain, but the press ap-  
pearance of things says it cannot stand much longer.  
I hope that God may have mercy on you  
and yours in the evil day, I am yours in the  
patience and kindness of Christ.

Joseph Cooper

P.S. Would be glad to hear from you at any  
time, although I have never seen your face or  
heard you speak, I am attached to you and all  
lovers of justice. The few lovers of God and jus-  
tice is the only stay or hope of our salvation in  
the future. When let us not be troubled, for truth and  
right will surely prevail, though whole empires  
tatter and perish when this occurs. Whines can  
not get much worse than what they are without  
going into a flame. But I must not trouble  
you further with such horrid facts. Excuse  
me for the liberty I have taken.

Joseph Cooper