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Postmaster.

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Dear Mrs. Bourger,

I received your kind letter and the book by due course of mail. My official duties and the late sickness and death of Mr. Lupper has necessitated rather fragmentary reading, but I have greatly enjoyed it. I somehow obtained the impression that it dealt, either romantically or historically, more direct with Columbus, and was astonished to find after 200 pages that the Adventure had not yet appeared, to say nothing of the Admiral. He has certainly got the "there" and "then" down fine - and tells the story of many lands, many tongues and many peoples with marvelous ease and rhythm. One would suppose he had been born bred to it. I don't know what Dr. Bailey would do upon the receipt of a volume, but am inclined to think he would give it a good send off, and if he did, it would reach a better class of people than the News-Observer-Chronicle, but it is only an opinion without experience or observation.

You will observe that we still hold the stony fort, and every day strengthens the indications of Continuation until March 1st, when my last commission expires. Then we will have to vacate and look for other employment. Probably Penn, Ohio and N.Y. will have heard from their respective Counties and be doing counting majorities by that time.

I don't see any "Bystander's Notes" in Inter Ocean any more. Will he exhaust the flowing spring at last, - or did the employment of C.D. Upchurch in the Advertising Dept make da monkey sick?

We are all well here and all send love with congratulations for the skill of the "quiz" for the Antigua Morrich.

I am very truly yours,

W. H. Rafter