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Hon. A. W. Tourgée,

Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Tourgee:-

Your letter of 28th. was duly received. I thank you for your frank and business-like exposition of the whole matter. I sympathize fully with you in the thought that when a man's brains form a large part of his capital, other things being equal, he seeks the most profitable market. I believe with you also, that there ought to be a call for such a work along the channel indicated. In other words, that the "saints" ought to make that work sufficiently profitable to you to enable you to say no to the "sinners."

But what I want to write for this morning is to say to you that we have the subject under favorable consideration and the seeming delay is occasioned because, as Col. Banes retires from the Secretaryship at the end of this week, he feels that the matter is too important to be decided without full consultation with his successor. This will undoubtedly take place within a few days and we shall be able to advise you of the result next week. Meanwhile, I hope you will consider us as having "an option" on the work.

Yours most sincerely,

Philip L. Jones

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