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Ravenna June 27th
1845

Hon Albion W. Tourgee -
Dear Sir! -

Your kind note and the three copies of the Basis, arrived duly - and I have to plead guilty to "press of business" - which has kept me from more prompt reply - I have read every word of the papers - and in strength of the general tone, make bold to send you for approval - a story I have written in the interest I hope of the rare down troddere in our fair land;

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I will send the sketch of my Father also - in the same package - which I forward you today by Wells & Fargo Express, should you think the story worthy of publication - let me know what you think it worth; I will give it to wars - the publication of the book - or the engraving of the picture of my Father & Capt Mason - the illustrations I send you are made by a good artist now in the Beaux Arts Paris -

If you cannot swap - by publishing my story, please return to Miss Blanche Coolman - Ravenna Ohio,

as I am about leaving for Nantucket, to celebrate the centennial of the island -

I think you find the very best name for a new paper - possible - in fact things had gone on without any Basis so long - it is well to call the public to mind a Basis is wanted, -

I have your thin copies in my table with - Interocean - in which paper I enjoy, imply your Bystander notes, & am now only waiting to be settled to send for all the back numbers -

Most truly yours -

Mrs - E. R. Burke

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