

August 11, 1913.

Southern Publishing Asso.,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Hook:-

I have your communication of the 8th inst. in regard to pattern plates of "Man that Run Made." In reply will say that you know something of my health condition when you were here, yet notwithstanding this, I am putting in from twelve to fifteen hours a day of hard work, and making every effort to push forward the revision of "Past, Present and Future" so that the new plates will reach you before the edition you are now printing is exhausted. I want to tell you we are doing some very thorough work upon this book and when it is through I think there is no question but what it will meet the approval of our publishing houses. But I find the task before me is much greater than I anticipated and I want to tell you that it is straining every nerve of mine to keep up with this work, and the other necessities which I have upon my hands. I am endeavoring to secure a man to come into the office ~~and~~ as superintendent, so that I can be relieved from the great burden of detail which has been upon my hands. So much for the situation.

Now in regard to the pattern plates will say that they have not yet been sent in from Gage's, but when I was up there

-2- S. P. A.

last I asked them to send them , and they promised to give the matter quick attention. As soon as they are received I shall take pleasure in forwarding them to you.

Yours very truly,