



Mrs Emma K. Sawyer  
# 227 West 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Enclibrook

Pennia

Greensboro N.C.

Nov. 16th 1878

My dear wife:

- Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst was a delish night - I do not wonder that you are surprised at the election - every body was - the Democrats not less than the Reps - It was admitted by all that he was entirely over-matched on the stump and every one looked for Rep. to support me without division - However, it was two things Carpet-bagger and soft money - underlying the latter is a wonderfully strong desire - among all the people of the South to do anything which will lead to a repudiation of the debt of the nation - This is the secret of Russell's success as well as Martins - Anything looking towards that result draws wonderfully - The Reps - would not

many of them vote against me  
but stand away - It is all  
the same though - It ends my  
political life and I do not  
know that it is any serious  
harm - I am at work now  
and shall keep so without  
let or hindrance in that line  
from the future - Of course, it is  
hard on the pride but that must  
be put aside -

As I wrote you, I am not  
prepossessed with the idea of going  
to Erie - However, it may be well.  
If you were with me I would be  
very well contented until my pres-  
ent work was done -

Do not think of what has been,  
at all - It is over - and cannot now  
be changed - I look only to the fu-  
ture and expect to succeed, at  
something or other at some place  
or other - where I cannot say.

I wish you could be with me  
my poor darling, and I have  
thought some of having you come here  
but I know you would be so cha-  
grined and troubled that I will  
not think of it - You must just  
stay there - read and enjoy all  
that you can of your pleasant  
surroundings - I will arrange  
for the future after my book is  
done - I do not see that I can  
come to you before all is over  
and things cleared up here. That  
may be several months. I  
should not wonder if I did not  
get away until Feb or March -  
I don't want Mother to leave here  
before next Spring or Summer and  
you must not encourage that in-  
deed - Take what comfort you  
can - When you hear Erie (if you  
go west) she can come there and  
stay. If we stay there, she can

come and live with us.

She will be willing - I  
will do the best I can, in  
my loneliness and you must  
keep bright and happy for my  
sake - Give to your dear  
much courage and hope  
by your trust and brave  
angles of heart -

God help you

Kiss the boy for me

Albin

Mr. Douglas wishes to be kindly remem-  
bered to you as he well deserves  
to be - He is a hard worker and  
a friend of the finest traits - You  
own him much for his symper-  
thy and co-operation with us  
at this time -

327