

RUSSELL HOUSE,

V. J. CHITTENDEN, } PROPRIETORS.
L. A. MCCREARY, }

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My dear wife:

It is too funny for anything and yet too sad to laugh at. Last night was a night without an audience - only 60 - but I found them like a little man and felt really glad to do a brass band's part. There was something really ridiculous about contracting my own feeling and trying to give them their money's worth. There is no better prospect for tonight. Don't be down though. I am not a bit.

You will see by the enclosed card that Mrs. Coker - Mary Gordon, was in to see me. She came bringing a letter I once wrote to her - 24 years ago!

The card gives all the information I have about her.

Miss Jones, one of our old Continent contributors was in today ~~with~~ the ~~big~~ ~~man~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~like~~ ~~of~~ ~~her~~ ~~and~~ ~~her~~ ~~letter~~

and I came to thank her for the good I had done here. ~~It was~~ ~~very~~ ~~p~~ ~~leasant~~

Be of good cheer my dear love. The cloud certainly has a lining and we must be pretty near through the black part - love to all -
Yrs
William