

(Dictated.)

Mayville N.Y.

June 10th 1867.

My dear Root:

I send you herewith the proofs as far as rec'd of '89.--I wish you would read them and tell me what you think of their "grip". From this on it may run down hill--that is it is made up of brief references to events presumed to be in the knowledge of every one. If I have managed to carry an even hand thus far my readers should be in this state of mind:

1--The Northern reader--a little irritated and a good deal surprised at the idea that the war of Rebellion did not end all possibility of separation. Startly irritated at the idea of a Southern man assuming a lecturer position and speaking of the weakness and foibles of the North. Somewhat disturbed by the prospect of the absorption of the many by the few.

2--The Southern reader half-flattered and half-mad--flattered at the real strength of the Confederate position which was really weakened by Slavery and mad at the idea of their many pretensions being brushed away.

If it holds attention and produces these effects I am content. I have had so much trouble over it however, that I cannot guess what it does do.

As to the printer, as his whole bill will soon be due, I should say the better way would be to pay him \$100., simply saying it is done without admitting or considering correctness or right to demand it now but as it will soon be done are willing to advance that. As to delay, they know very well when the

made it impossible to get it out last fall by their neglect  
that the opportunity of such a book was put over for a year.

Take a Sunday on the proofs and let me know how it strikes  
you.

Could not you and Mrs. Hoot come up on June 30th and stay  
to a "Fish Dinner" of our Twilight Club. We are to have the  
ladies and look forward to a good time--and would be glad to  
have you among our guests. Also to consult over the end of  
'89.

Sincerely yours,