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My dear Mrs Gourge

I feel very guilty towards you for not having written to you for so long but my ~~very~~ busy life prevents me from doing what my heart dictated and at the end of the day I find I could not perform all I did earnestly wish to do; then, I have had several deaths in my family one after another, my dear brother in law Dr Chepman who died in Florence, Italy then my sister in law & lost my beloved only brother stephouse de Mortally the only brother left of the youngest branch of the de Mortallys

who died of a popley
just a year after his wife
and left 5 children not
well provided for, he wanted
me to go over to London
to take the place of their
mother but my boys were
not willing to let me go
I very reluctantly at the time
^{had to} declined to go though I
was longing to see him
and his dear ones I had
never seen. you can have
an idea of my feelings when
I heard of his death, & still,
I thought my boys were
right they knew if I left
my business here, I might
not be able to find it
again when I returned and
it was too great a venture
but the dear children have
been taken by my widow

sister Mrs Chepmell who
has adopted them all and
is bringing them up in
Tobacco there are 4 girls &
1 boy and they are as I am
-distant a very interesting
children. He has acted nobly
and fortunately has the
means to do so, I felt so
crushed lately that I devoted
myself to my profession
denying myself all kinds of
pleasure, and remaining at
home all the winter, was
very busy and had a good
season, I removed to the
present address took a whole
floor & furnished three rooms
and Victor & I prefer living
this way it is a little begin-
-ning of a home we have
to go out to our meals but
it is but a short distance
HR Broad St near the St George

My eyes were overstrained
by constant evening writing
and for several weeks I
could scarcely read without
suffering pain but am
thankful to say I was able
to finish my Scholastic year
without interruption.

Mrs. Bogardus who
misses seeing you is gone
to Chataqua and I told
her this time to go to May-
ville and introduce herself
to you, you will find her
a very plain nice woman
when I told her about what
you wrote to me and your
disappointment she attached
no blame at all to you. If
she had done what I wanted
her to do that is to call on
you it would have been
more satisfactory, so this
year I think she will wear
ceremony and go and see you
and be acquainted with you dear self

You were anxious to know
about Fannie, she went to
France last Summer to see
her mother took her baby
boy and brought back her
old mother to live with her
here, for many months
her husband did not get
regular work owing to the
business places striking
now & then she had to work
very hard to provide for all
with so little help from her
husband, but as she is a go-
-ahead young woman, she
overcame the rough places.
She is doing some work as a
paper hanger and she has
taken a small comfortable
house in the southern part
of the city has a little yard
where her baby boy nearly
3 years old can run and play
and they are getting along pretty
well, she has just left me

with little should be -
talks nothing but french
is a comical genius, ressem-
bles his father and is small
for his age. Louise always
asks about you and the judge
she laughed when I told
her Lodie was as tall as
you of course, a young lady
now.

I am going to Oswego
to teach this summer
to take the place of one
of the teachers who owing
to bad health is gone to
Europe, she is an old friend
of mine from Harrisburg
Dr. Lawrence offered me the place
and I consented to take it
this year to oblige my friend
who was anxious to put
her classes in my charge
I was almost on the point
of going to Chatauqua -

Oswego is a nice old town
right on the lake Ontario
it is very cool & pleasant
I was there last year as a
student of Italian and made
many nice acquaintances
there are several springs in
that town which are very
good for different complaints
many people go there for
health the "Deep rock" water
is right under one of the
hotels and a new spring
is to be opened this summer
I hope the work will not
be so much for me after
a heavy close work here
this winter but I shall
try and take all the rest
I can between times and
take little excursions around
the place for recreation

I have heard very little
about you for a long time

some time ago I heard
through Mrs. Muger that
the judge had been very
ill again but nothing since
I trust this letter (though
you may find it tedious
owing to its length) will
find you all enjoying your
lovely place at this nice
season of the year and hope
to hear from you again
soon. My sister is well
and working well and stea-
dily is a great comfort to
me. My kind regards to
the judge and much love
to yourself and Lovie
affectionately yours

A. de la C. Cutler

After the 10th July

My address at Orange will be
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