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My Dear Judge,

Your kind & fatherly letter containing so much good advice - of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. - was recd the next evening after my art here, (Tuesday) - I have read it a dozen times and shall do my best to profit by the good advice. I shall guard against all the evils & faults of which you speak - unless it may be the tobacco business I do not like to make any promises about that as I have 10<sup>th</sup> tobacco coming from Greensboro & if it would be looked to have that washed, now Judge I know I have faults & if you know them as well as I do (no doubt better) & if you tell me of them all but all you do not give me any credits - For instance you warn me to be careful of my associations with Mack & Crane, - now Judge I do not think I'm really could have any fear of my getting mixed up with them I think I know them thoroughly - I shall be careful of my associations with them & if you need have no fear of them sending them ashray, I will avoid & if see them occasionally I have played one game of billiards with Mack - but have quit billiards, as I find there is no inclination & if no money in it, as for N. C. Co. affairs I feel confident of being able to help them out although as you know if the concern ever does get square with the world

it will be almost a miracle - I am aware judge that I hold a very responsible position, and in such of I succeed it will be as you say - I will not care business reputation here that will be worth more than all my capital in N. H. - I am fully aware judge that it was to this end that you used your influence to have me come here, and if I succeed I will be indebted in a great measure to you for the success, I should have replied sooner but it seemed that my time was taken up with me, I gathered my room and slept at the hotel, and if I seemed to take all my time going back and forth up & down town, You will be very much surprised judge at what I am going to tell you, but it is a matter that has received my serious consideration for some time about a year ago a half I guess - It is nothing more or less than the fact that I am going to be married - No doubt you will think that I should have said something to you before, I should have done so but I know you will not think that I undervalued the interest you take in me when I tell you that I did not say a word to any one not even my mother, she was perfectly ignorant of the matter until she came to N. H. - when I say perfectly ignorant I mean that she had no positive knowledge that any more than friendship existed between Miss Hendry and myself - The object of my affections is Kate Hendry - a Canadian lady, her name has been spoken her duplications to you but if so I am convinced of it - I do not know that I need attempt any description of her - I will wait and let you see her and judge for yourself of my choice - I know I will be much better off judge to have a home of my own than to be floating around loose as I am now and my all has been done for the last 3 years, I must you judge to make me all day what you think of my proposed change, I take Miss Hendry for herself alone, she is at present teaching school at 300 a year which is all the money she expects, she is a kind affectionate individual and highly educated all used to studying economy - I will not tell you anything about her unless you can find all about them at the factory, I have an engagement in about 10 minutes so must stop. I will remember your instructions, all 4th 3rd 2nd 1st