

Bessemer, Wisconsin.
Feb. 18, 1889.

Mrs. Furgus:

Dear Madam;

No doubt you will be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me, a perfect stranger. But I have a few things which I wish to tell you however painful it may be.

I want you to know Mrs. Geo. Rich, my sister-in-law, is her true guise; for she is as false as false can be.

As you know, she resides in Dellwood, and last Nov. my parents and a brother aged eighteen went out there, intending to make it their future home. She always professed to be such a good Christian

and to think so much of the family and of my brother, her husband: but now she has turned against them, and is over some little difference between them out there. But no girls back here in Itis. knew nothing of the affair.

She commenced by writing a long letter to a gentleman in this town, - a perfect stranger, and told every little spiteful thing she could think of, about our family, - telling all the good generous things she had done, and trying to make out more of the family cared for our parents except her husband. She even went so far as to tell this gentleman that my father hated

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him, and asked him to publish
the letter in the paper.

This gentleman and my
father, so far as I know, are
good friends, and so he would
not publish the letter; but
wrote one in reply, telling Mrs.
Rich what he thought of such
work as that. She even quoted
your husband's name as an
authority, if any one questioned
her character, also enclosed a
letter from you, so there could be
no possible doubt.

But I do not believe you
nor your husband would ap-
prove of any such act, even from
an old friend.

Mrs. Rev. Rich has always
received good treatment from

us, and has no cause whatever for such conduct.

She tried to make out we were trying to take advantage of them in some way, and even went so far as to make statements which were not entirely true.

Perhaps you think I do wrong to write to you, but I thought as long as she gave you husband's name, in case any one should care to inquire I would tell you what I know about her, and if you do not know it, will make you acquainted with a few facts.

Pardon my impudence in writing to you - and believe me

Sincerely yours
Louie B. Richs