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My Dear Judge:

Your letter of Aug. 28 is just at hand. I am sorry that my former letter carried the impression that I was offended. I certainly am not and did not mean to convey any such an idea.

I did mean that I could not use what was sent as a basis and so work it over as actually to make it mine or even essentially mine. As a specimen of criticism revealing keen analysis and beauty of diction it is certainly

fine. I can appreciate
a good thing when I
see it. It is just such
an introductory sketch
as should accompany
the selections. I am
afraid of "patchwork"
when I begin to tinker
the thing. I like the
whole article exceedingly.
Our figure I admire
very much and it is just:
"Both these writers are true
poets of the storm; but, while
Hugo delighted especially
in the bursting tornado,
Poussin has thus far chosen
as his subjects, the gathering
tornado or the mingling wreck

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and sunshine of the passing tempest."

As to the advance, I will first say that August was a month of a hard work for me. I supplied my pulpit and in addition worked in Normal Institutes three weeks. I received a letter from Harrison asking me to prepare such a sketch and he wanted it in about five days. I was then giving five lessons each day to 340 teachers in the Institute and my pulpit work was staring me in the face. I felt that I could not really give one hour to work in that line and was inclined to insist on

more time. He had made his plans to have it in a special issue of this work and no other time would do so well. I tried to accommodate him. I gave as many hours to it as possible of evenings. I could not do much. I cut out parts, modified others, and inserted a few patches, I fear. I sent it, but have not heard from him as yet. It will appear this week no doubt.

It is the first article I ever sent almost that I did not expect to be rejected.

I have little doubt but that the editor will try to improve it. I look for

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defects in it for which I am not responsible. I signed it with a star.

By the way I have recently sent two articles to two different New York papers. Each was a column and a half in length. An article as long as that requires more merit to find acceptance than a shorter one. Both articles were accepted, published, commended in the editorial columns, and both editors sent me personal letters thanking me for them. Neither of ^{the editors} ~~them~~ has intimated that the articles deserved any compensation and I don't suppose they do. I have seen one of the articles copied in full in another paper.

I will try to give a little time to that sketch soon. Will reach it in a week or two. I hope to rest in October. I am going to the triennial council of Congl Churches in Worcester, Mass.

I have had a hard liquor fight here. A year ago we had three saloons. I began to fight them and had to hold the county attorney to his work, for he is in sympathy with the saloon element. I was obliged to file

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the information myself.
Public opinion did not
sustain me very far. I now
have injunctions against
them. It took me solid
months of my time.

I will send you the
manuscript soon for
examination.

Yours very truly,

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P.S. I am going to inclose
a nonsensical sketch recounting
some experiences quae vidi et
quorum pars magna fui.