

Marion, Iowa, April 1st, 1890.

My Dear Judge:- Thanks for a copy of "Pac". The contents and cover both indicate that it is a study in "Black and White". I shall take pleasure in reading it again.

I cannot say that I enjoyed the last chapter of the "Golden Lilies". The tendency of it will be, as I read it, to make light of the whole subject of future retribution. The most solemn words ever uttered on this subject fell from the lips of the Master himself. At the same time I have not the slightest sympathy with the spirit of heresy-hunting. I am reading the story with great interest and am more than willing to receive suggestions as to how I may help those about me. I can't help but think that some of the great crowd that gather

around the popular young preacher are the bellany kind of men and women. I find that I have to deal with those that are veritable flesh and blood. Possibly you do not know that a church was established in this place years ago without a creed. A brilliant lawyer built it at his own expense. I think that the conditions for membership were that the individual should simply put his name down and say that he wanted to follow Christ. I don't think that he had to do any thing publicly. It was broad guage in the fullest sense and drew a large number of the outside critics. It soon broke up in a row and the Methodists purchased the building. The founder of it went off into spiritualism-the journey was not a lengthy one-and spent considerable time in his last years in decorating his home with pictures drawn by the hands of departed spirits whose taste to say the least was awful. The whole move-

ment was short lived and I have never heard that the world lost any thing. You are most certainly right in advocating the idea that it is the mission of the Church to elevate men in every possible way. I am in favor of Christian socialism.

Yours very truly,

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