

Silver Creek, N. Y. July 6th 93.
Dear Mrs. Lougee: -

Your note informing us of Grandma's death arrived Saturday evening, but I have not had time to answer until the present moment. Poor old soul she is at rest now, and how much better off. Surely it is comforting to think that life begins again in another world under better conditions. The old worn body is laid away, and only the best possessions of the soul are carried into the spirit world. Still I shall always have some pleasant memories of her.

I hope to see you soon. I wish I knew what days of the week the Judge would be least disturbed by a visit. I am getting very hungry

for a visit with him. Tell him
I have ~~have~~ the town looking askant
at me because I have been preaching
his doctrine of equal opportunity.
Sometime ago the Presbyterian minis-
ter took occasion to say that the
purpose and end of the war was
simply and solely the preservation of
the Union. I could not allow his posi-
tion to pass unchallenged, and therefore
stated the other side of the case. This
offended his democratic dignity very
much, and many of the republicans
said he was right. In preaching the
Memorial Sermon I took the ground
that the war enforced the true
interpretation of the Declaration of
Independence. I gave it to them on
Southern snobs, and charged it home
on Christianity. Since that the Re-
publican holds himself aloof from me.
I feel that I have lost caste for

daring to speak on such an offensive
subject as mob law and southern
barbaccus.

Well I will not bore you with this
matter, but tell the Judge I am
sick of the universal indifference
concerning this great national
evil.

The story was very highly
appreciated by all. Todds work
was worthy of all commendation.

With kindest regards to all
I remain as ever

Your true friend
J. H. Bates