

82 Oxford Place

Buffalo, N.Y.

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My Dear Judge:

I did not answer your letter last week as I intended as it was impossible for me to do so. Our nurse was called away, the kitchen girl had already taken French leave and Mrs. Peirce had a relapse so that I was made nurse pro tem and general utility man.

Mrs. Peirce has been very sick but this morning seems a little better. I have resigned my post as nurse in favor of a more experienced person, and with

The very excellent ear she is now receiving, we hope she may speedily recover.

It is very kind of you to invite Arthur Mergall and myself to your house to talk up matters in relation to the new paper, but for a reason I would not give were there any truthful way to avoid it, we can not accept. The reason is that there is as little liking between the Mergall boys and myself as between the Jews and Samaritans. This condition has existed for some time and will continue. I give the fact without comment

except to say that my con-
science is perfectly clear.

You are the only person
outside the family to whom
I have ever mentioned this
matter, and I know you
will hold it in the strictest
confidence. On Mrs. Peircis's
account - for myself I don't
care - please do not at any
time intimate to the
Weyburns that I have said
this to you.

Now for a pleasanter topic
I am glad to know your
health has continued to
improve, so that you feel
able to withstand, if the
fates permit a trial, the

Washington climate, I know
so little about the politics
in the district that I haven't
any idea what the chances
of nomination are, but my
impression is that none
but a spoilsman need
apply. I am frank to say,
therefore, that I don't believe
you will be nominated, but
I hope I may be disappoint-
ed. It seems to me your
nomination would indicate
an awakening of the political
conscience; so aside from
personal friendship, I hope
you may win both nomina-
tion and election. I don't
take any stock whatever
in the future mission of

the Republican party, but the fact of your being a Republican would not prevent you from making an agitation of the subject of citizens' rights even in the national capitol.

By the way, I wonder why your friend from Maine who said that if he were President, he would send a message to Congress every time a Negro was lynched, never delivers any messages on the subject as a member of the House.

I have been thinking over your advice about bringing up the little one. It is a question I am interested in both personally and

professionally; and there is nothing I can think of that would give me more satisfaction than it does to watch the development of this little mind and body. I believe it is in line with the idea you express to say that a teacher ought to study children even more than he ought to study books.

I hardly agree, however, that the body is of more importance than the mind although I know the body has been too largely neglected in education. I also disagree with Julian Hawthorne ⁱⁿ that ^{I think} we ought to incite children to accomplish big things. If they are discip-

pointed it will not hurt
them to have tried, and
mediocre contentment is
to my mind but little
different from laziness.

Well, I have imposed
on your time and eyes
too long now. I want
to see you and hope to be
able to do so soon.

With kind regards to all
the family and wishes for
your success

Yours sincerely,
W. M. Peck

I have said nothing about
the paper for the simple
reason that I know nothing
about it except that I saw
in The Crusader that it
was to be published by the

McGarrick. I am glad they
have undertaken it and
believe they will make it
a success on their part.

I can not tell you how
deeply interested I am
in the paper and the
cause which it represents.

W. M. P.