Williamsville, N.Y.,
Jan. 20, 1895.

My dear Judge:

It seems appropriate to close the first really restful Sunday I have spent in a long time with so agreeable an occupation as writing you. I would much prefer a chat with you, for I know by many an experience what entertainment that means, but my chats with anyone outside the family are few and far between.

I often think of what you used to tell me that teaching school is narrowing work. I am not altogether ready to subscribe to that as a general proposition, but it is true of teaching in Williamsville, of that I am confident for there are no compensations. no one with whom to swop ideas or from whom to get ideas when I have none to give in exchange as there used to be in Mayville.

However, we all ought to be missionaries in one way or another, and perhaps this is my way

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and I may be able to do some good here.

I enjoyed your views of the causes and effects of the November election, and I wish I could have as much faith as you have. I don't want to be a pessimist, but I can't get rid of the idea that the fact that the Tammany protection was getting so it cost too much in dollars and cents had a wonderful deal to do with it. The people of New York City had known the facts, though

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probably not all the details, for years. The leaders in the late movement were doubtless actuated by high motives, but the masses who effected the result were, it seems to me, largely affected by the desire to get rid of too burdensome taxation. I hope I am mistaken and that a sense of outraged decency and justice were most largely responsible.

I hope at any rate that the giant populus may not fall into another sleep, as you suggest,

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until he has put Platt into his coffin. What do you think of the prospect?

I hear that the Citizen is again talked of. I saw Father McGinald last week, and he seemed to think the outlook for it good. I think the firm would take a little stock from the way he talked. What's the matter with the Inter Ocean?

It seems to me the time is propitious for the Citizen. People generally seem to be groping after

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anything that promises light on governmental questions. As a matter of business, it looks as though politics might be smashed and a reign of statesmanship inaugurated for a time at any rate. It is a characteristic of the people to want a good article when they are getting something new, so that any journal which advertises these things is likely to be read. Let the citizen appear with some ideas on these subjects, and it

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will be quoted and then read.

We have had some pleasant visits from old friends at Mayville. Minnie Keyes spent a day or two with us recently. We are sorry to hear that Miss Aimee is not well, and hope she may speedily recover.

We should be greatly pleased to see you or any of yours at any time. We haven't partial quarters - that you need not be told - but we keep warm and we feed well.

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When you come to Buffalo to see about the Citizen, can't you give us a call?

With kindest regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Peirce.

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