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22 PLYMOUTH AVENUE,
BUFFALO, N.Y.

Feb. 25th

My dear Judge

It is all very well for you away up in Mayville to condemn the interview, but pray tell me what you would have done in my place?

If you will re-read my letter you will see that the reporter had data — "The Basis" as the name of the paper

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They had your name – they had the Mc. Geralds as publishers & they had "Good citizenship". All this I saw in looking over his memo. He refused to wait & write you as he said some other paper would get the "scoop". Was I to refuse to say anything & let him get things "hell-west-and-crooked" or was I to guide him in the right way?

You say – "The little printed circular contained all that was necessary

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to be said" - Yes, but I had'nt one of them. You had forgotten and left them at home. Please tell me just what you would have done.

I like to bear blame where I could have helped myself but not where I could'nt.

Hastily

Shepard

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