

difficulties in the way of being L³
married in the winter in Fargo
or in the summer at the lake - so
many each way that I guess
will either have to give it up al-
together, or else just go to a justice
of the Peace and pay him two dollars.
How much can you afford to
give the minister, by the way?

As soon as we are engaged, and
ready to announce it. I am going
to get the laziest note paper
I can find, and write little
notes to all my friends and tell
them about it. Won't it be fun?

I send under another cover
some matter that was sent me
the other day about the American
Investment Plan. Mrs. Dixon,
librarian of the Univ. of C. - sent it -
home and asked me if I didn't
want to invest. She has a
\$500 certificate, which means
that she pays \$50 a yr. for ten yrs.

put 6% interest all the time, a
chance to withdraw at the end
of the time, and a share in the
dividends besides. The investment
is in N.Y. real estate, which is
thought to be a sure thing.

Lots of the Univ. professors have
invested - Small, Robt. Harper,
Michelson, Moore, etc. I haven't
any money; but I wondered
if you wouldn't like to look
into it. I wish you would;
it looks like a safe thing. Laura
can find out about it for you.
I should think, as Mrs. Rep-
nolds has stock. I don't know
whether the number of investors
is limited or not -

I must go to work now - but I
would much rather play
with you! A kiss for you, Dear,
and the love of
Your Girl.

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Laura Grant is full of busi-
ness - also of good works. She
takes an interest in the
University settlement, visits it,
collects money for it, and has
been instrumental in getting
a young lady from St. Paul
(a U. of M. girl and acquaintance
of mine) to live in the settle-
ment for a few weeks. The girl
had just graduated and didn't know
what to do with herself: is am-
bitious, wants to write or speak,
but first must live - see
something of the world, etc. So
Laura's kind heart devised this
plan for her to do so. She wrote
me also about something else
she had done lately - "In memory
of 'you'", she said to me.
"I extend a cigar and news store
approached a knot of men."

and said to the man one who was
to greet me; "Is this where you
register?"

He said it was. Therefore I was
duly sworn and duly registered for
voting at the election next month.
There is only one thing on which
women may vote. That is for Trustees

of the Ill. State University. But I
am going to vote on that. I nearly
giggled all the way for a block or

more. I am not the least bit afraid of men.

I have this to write about
to you!

She still takes private lessons of
Mr. Folger (for money) in Physics.
She had to teach it, and didn't
know anything about it.

It seems to me she has a great
deal to do.

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My dear daughter:

The inclosed letter from Thomas is not entirely self-explanatory - hence I furnish an item de charge the record to aid in the interpretation. I inclosed ^{to Thomas} several editorials from the pen of G. C. S. (you will recall the person doubtless from these initials) & requested his opinion of the matter & his productions. The letter ^{inclosed} embraces his response. I said to Thomas in effect that I was interested in S. because he was a friend & co-graduate of yours & that you had a friendly interest in the career of the young man would be editor.

You will note that Thomas gives Mr. S. high praise - a man of "large promise". Will Thomas no doubt base his estimate wholly upon mental & moral traits which characterize Mr. S. or which he thinks are conspicuous in his make up. I notice that he makes no estimate of the mental matter returned with

If you were now a student of
Law I should call your particular
attention to an article in Feb. Number
of Review by E. V. Sumner - "A Study
of Civil Government in Manitoba"
Much detail & frame work &
an admirable piece of political poetry.
I should judge

In Feb. Century there is an article by Rebecca
Horsley Davis - "In the Gray Robes of
New England" - I think its message would speak
plainly. Here is a sentence which
might have sprung from that fountain of
provocative which springs up at 585.

"When well are done in this country that
the educator with a human being care
use for his own or his neighbor's benefit
is a blessing, but the educator who
he cannot use is a burden & a curse"

The writer seems to think that much
of the education obtained in New England
by its women - is now useless
is this true?

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the letter. As to that we are justified
from the context in inferring that Thomas thinks
favorably of the "printed matter". Thomas
has had no experience in producing
matter for the public + his estimate of
literary ~~products~~ ^{products} would not be technically
valuable of course. What Thomas
envisaged ^{imagined} was the man + his qualities
apart ~~of~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ from his obligations
as a journalist. At least I think so.

Your last letter incloses other specimens
of editorials. They are full of solid information
& show - perhaps too clearly, that S. is a constant
reader of the best authorities upon civil
& the best current literature of political
& industrial reform. There is nothing
weak or trashy in any of the specimens
inclosed - nor is there the sin of ^{to great} ~~of~~ ^{exaggeration}
or excessive sentimentalism. They are fact
- fact - solid fact. without the least
hint of ornament or sensationalism.

Well it is easy to disagree sure if

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Omission & Commission in the writings of Mr. S. His productions do not compare favorably with those of Addison - or Lord Macaulay - nor could he write an "ode to a butterfly" which would compare favorably with that recently given to the world with other "Daffodil Leaves." In truth there is, just the fault of omission - I think his omission to introduce imagination fire into his editorials is his most fundamental lack as a writer. None of his effusions which I have read passes the appealing or arousing quality. It is not true to say that his matter is devoid of interest. Quite the reverse - what he says appeals directly to the most intelligent thought of the age - but its deficiency lies in the absence of the popular quality which will attract & retain the attention of the average newspaper reader. Am I not right?

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The editorials - particularly the last ^{also} show
a bad fault of commission. In part
to the incoherence & blundering awkwardness
of some of his phrasing. His phrasing
seems to have unaccountable fits of
balkiness. The stud seems to be stubborn
as a mule at times & will not budge
be the need of moving near so urgent.
When his phrasing balks or becomes stalled
he stops for good; ~~and~~ & rare indeed are
the instances when he moves on without
leaving behind conclusive proofs of the break
down. But while the fault seems
chronic, I deem it less serious than
the former. The latter will be overcome
by specific effort & constant watchfulness
with a good rhyme as a cable
meum. S. has both ideas & con-
victions & they will come out. But
the trouble will be in selling them at
good rates unless the style takes on
more acidity & greater smoothness & finish.

I am working hard - have to
do so to ^{be} secure in fair mediocrity.
Oh! for greater freedom - with
more reason - nobler ideals.

Now we are widely surrounded
this winter day - distance divides
us but as yet no gulfs of
sentiment have opened between
us - nor do abysses of embittered
sentiment yawn between our
souls.

Papa

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So much for my critique of editorials.
I am sure the young man has growing
& fine qualities & powers, but I am
not convinced of his call to letters.
He displayed his usual good sense
in declining the offer to cooperate in
a disreputable venture at Edgemoor. But
his knowledge of his good offices in
securing a place for Ryle at Bismarck
was genuine & sincere that I. has not
yet given up the newspaper field at
Chicago. I hope he will continue
his journalistic work in the metropolis.
Surely there will come a day not
likely but if not the game will
be well worth the ammunition.

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Sunday P. M.

On a refusal of the editorials
I have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~informed~~ ^{informed} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~editor~~ ^{editor} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~agreed~~ ^{agreed}
to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~distributed~~ ^{distributed} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~days~~ ^{days}
since. The editorials are quite
good. Not much content to see
in them, but their quality is
well known. Enough to know that
they can & dare write sensible
editorials & that he can get an
able paper as the news to
pay for & print them. He
is a young man with a future
nor is his present to be despised.