

Hagerstown. Feb. 16 1897

My Dear Mrs. Johnston:

Thank you very much for your note of Saturday & its kind words.

I was afraid after I had sent you my letter I would appear to be getting garrulous and I am glad it gave you some pleasure to read it.

I rarely go to Lancaster now. Since the death of Prof Wm. Nevin I have no special friend in the Faculty & know none of the students.

I am reminded that one of the first political speeches I ever heard was one made in the Fulton Hall in the Buchanan Campaign by Col J. W. Forney.

I never saw him again until the Hancock Campaign when I was invited to Lancaster to speak. There I met Col Forney & he & I were the speakers that night in Fulton Opera House as it was then called.

In speaking first I referred to his speech before the war in 1856: soon after which he had left the Democratic party [sic] & I had left the Union: that years had passed & I had come back into the Union & he had come back into the Democratic Party. You can imagine the way the audience received the announcement. When Col Forney came forward to speak, he rapped gently upon the table & said "May I come in?" He did not speak long for he was much broken down & feeble. I never saw him again for he soon died.

But you see I am getting garrulous again.

Very Sincerely

H. Kyd Douglas

