

2113 Chestnut St.

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My dear Mr. Henry

Your two letters came by the same mail this morning, & gave me a deep impression of your kind feelings & just views. I appreciate your objections to their going to Annapolis, & telegraphed you that I would try to arrange for their staying in New York, but added the request that you retain a room at your Hotel until this question be decided.

I then wrote Alice with reference to a Boarding House at Seven dollars each per week, telling her that you & I would provide for its payment. I then suggested that she seek [?] employment by which she could supplement their income.

If she be willing to live cheaply & work hard, they may possibly get along with our assistance. She will see what she can find to do, & let me know.

It would be unsafe to comment on Jack's getting Practice, on earning money in any way. He will have to be supported. His Wife will work if she can find work. She would rather work & be with him, than come home to me.

My house is open to her at all times where she can live at ease, but ~~should~~ she prefers [sic] remaining with her husband in toil and privation, & I honor her for it.

Should she decide to make the Struggle in New York, we will hope that the [?] may find something to do either in or out of his Profession.

If however she fails to get employment it will, I think, be best for them to go to Annapolis, at least temporarily. The amount we propose to allow them will barely suffice for their living – leaving but little for incidental expenses, which in New York are continual & exacting, which at Annapolis such demands would be small.

There is another consideration of great weight. Much depends of Joseph's reformation – whether he is a changed man, as Alice thinks.



Now at Annapolis you would see for yourself how it is with him, whereas were they [went?] to a strange place, there would be no one to encourage him in [?]. Their condition would be [?] among total strangers, & his habits, if unaltered, would speedily bring him into disgrace. When Alice came home last winter it was because they had been [?] Out of thier [sic] Boarding House. I went over & saw thier [sc] Landlady, & offered to pay what they owed her -- & did pay it: but she would not consent to Joseph's remaining another night – Through the kindness of Mr. Boldt, they were invited to the Waldorf, until Alice could pack up their things, & as far as possible arrange for her Husband's comfort. Were they to be placed among strangers, with no occupation for either of them, a similar catastrophe might occur.

New York being a large city, such an ~~scandal~~ incident is scarcely noticed, but in a small community it would become a scandal. Hence if Alice or Joseph can find work in N. Y. it may be best for them to remain there. Otherwise, Annapolis seems to be the only place where a fair test can be made of Joseph's new [?]. Your presence would be a restraint .He would be in the midst of those who know him, & shoe opinion he must value. I trust you will agree with me.

Again, my dear Mr. Henry, permit me to express my appreciation of your admirable letter; & the respect and affection ~~whi~~ with which it inspires me towards you personally.

I will inform as soon as I hear from Alice.

Truly & Sincerely yours – Thomas A. Hoyt.

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