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CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN R'Y CO.

Center Junction STATION May 3 1891

Dear Sister Lizzy:

~~So~~ Your letter came duly to hand and sorry to hear of your sickness, and your letter bears unmistakable marks of it, for it bothered me a little to make out some of the words. I would write often but can't bow! I have nothing to write about that would be of any interest. If I should write politics we would not agree for you are a Republican and I am a Mugwump and feel bound to no party. We might agree on religion but I have an idea that I am more ~~litera~~ orthodox than you for I see and read of people sometimes that I think were predestinated to Sheol. And when we come to Sokat are raised Scientific questions, as to the age of the world, Evolution

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and Kindred Subjects I am a confirmed infidel for I believe the bible, and that God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and rested the seventh. I think you agree with me in this but dont know as you have lived long enough in Chicago to be infected with some of these moral microbes that are prevalent in that modern Babylon. I do not mean that five righteous men cannot be found there, but I think it needs another purifying by fire. If I had been empowered to locate the Worlds fair it would never have gone there

But you wanted to know about the family. I think I wrote you that we sold our house and bought another near the depot in a much healthier and agreeable location. I only have about twenty rods to go now and find

it much earlier for me and here
we stay. Johnny is in Deadwood
So. Dakota in the Division Freight
Agents office at sixty five dollars
a month. He attended the Business
College in Clinton last summer and
studied book keeping, short hand and
type writing and beat the record for
fast learning and was pronounced
the best scholar in the school.

Bertha is with us and has grown
a good deal. She has got to be quite
a musician. I think I could distance
you in the great grandfather business
if I were to hunt it up, but you are
welcome to all the honors.

I think this will do for this time.

All send love and are always
glad to hear from you

By the way you will get one of
Berthas photographs some sweet day
by and by

Yr aff Bro

John E. Loujay

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ST. LOUIS

November 10/91.

My dear Madame,

During my absence in Europe, from May until October last, quite a large amount of mail matter accumulated here - which, in setting the house in order became scattered before I had opportunity for proper examination.

So it happened that not until yesterday - and then by mere accident - did I find your letter of June 1; which, for many reasons, I would on no account have lost.

Accept my most sincere thanks for the kind words therein contained. My only purpose in what I have said and done for your

brother, has been to assist in
preparing, and making more
widely known, the name and ~~cause~~
of a good and true man. &
which I have accomplished something
in this direction, at least enough
to pay my share of the debt the
world owes him for his services
and sacrifices in the cause of
Human Liberty - Liberty of the
Mind as well as of the Body.

The house on Perry
street - which was photographed at
the last moment by my suggestion -
I have known for fifty years, and
always known as the "Lorjoy House".
Persons who knew your father when
he lived there have so informed
me, and there seems to be no
room for doubt on the subject.
It is certainly the only house in
Alton ever associated with

him in my day. The photograph is correct - that is, as the house looked when the process of demolition had already begun.

Hoping your life may be prolonged until
it ceases to be of any comfort or value to ~~the~~
ourselves, I am

Yours Very Respectfully

Thomas Dimmock

Mrs H. L. Hammond,