

Hartford Wed. Nov.  
27. '72

Dear Susan I wrote Mrs  
Lilton last week enclosing  
copy of a letter to my brother  
asking her to send it you.

Possibly the letter will never  
reach her - & then she may  
<sup>with to</sup> not send to you as I desired.

The letter implored  
him to allow me to stand by  
his side while he confessed  
the truth & then to take charge  
of the services as God might  
inspire. I knew it was  
too late last week to hope for  
that Sunday - but it would  
prepare the way for this coming  
Sunday - & here is a copy of  
one I am sending today.



While I feel just as you do  
toward Mrs L. I have known  
all the time that her guilt  
was great - since woman's  
especially a mother's  
nature is a spiritual teacher  
she cannot resist without doing  
violence to her whole being.

But I have not felt able  
to speak of this till now - &  
it occurs to me that if my  
efforts are to succeed next Sunday  
she may need you in her house  
then. Had you not better  
go there - think of it -  
Telegraph her - No time  
lost man here.



Rochester Dec 1. 1872

My Dear Mrs Hooker

Yours mailed the 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
both came duly - but the <sup>verdict</sup> ~~subject~~ of  
W. S. Commissioner's examination  
forbid thought outside of making ready  
for my argument showing the legality  
of my notes - But Judge Selden  
was not ready to make his argument  
so all is postponed to the 18<sup>th</sup> - I send  
you a paper - though I know your soul  
is too full to heed it -

I mail with this yours of 28<sup>th</sup>  
to your Brother - with the best word  
I could say - - telling him he must  
be able to proclaim a social  
theory to the world that would  
save the best men from living  
a lie to their theories - not only -  
but to their dearest & nearest friends,  
- Did Mrs Merrimether of Memphis  
send you her article - she was in  
Boston & saw & heard Quiver's



Speech then — which the Weekly  
repeats — & she pronounces the  
pretence of arrest & imprison-  
ment for obscenity — weak &  
wicked — that there was an  
obscene word throughout —

It was a stunning charge — which  
if false — she deserves the cell — but  
which if not true — requires only  
a denial of the six persons  
The Sags told it to her & talked  
it to her — all of them reliable  
persons — whom every body would believe —  
— The Rochester Union — Detroit &  
Chicago Papers better say the same  
& demand these persons to speak —  
Not silence will that do —

Indeed I do pray & that  
unnecessarily that <sup>both</sup> he & Mrs. J. & all  
concerned may be brought true —  
It is only through this Red Sea ~~that~~  
~~we~~ shall be able to find the truth  
— God help us all to be true —  
Sympathizing yours  
S. D. Austin