

Note No. 1.

Mr. J. — I hardly know what to say under this
embarrassment beneath which I labor — I wish to have some definite
information on the point under consideration — You may confide in me, not
as a Confessor, for that must be God, who searcheth the heart.

~~Your first duty is to God. Any forgiveness is obtained before it is asked.~~
But what is that? — It is Christ, and only Christ, who cleanseth from all
unrighteousness — I must earnestly beg you to confess to me all that
you may have done, if you have not already — and, whatever shall prove
for the best interest of that holy cause to which I trust I have devoted
soul and body, and for that of your family, shall be done.

(Mark this particularly) *Nothing can be gained by the church at Christ
by blazoning forth to a wicked world the crimes of those who profess to
be members of the pure body of the Son of God — But, you must be well
aware of the fact, that one, guilty of what you've confessed yourself to
be cannot continue in connection with a Miss. Soc. — The question now
is, to what extent are you guilty — If I understand your letter, you say
that you are guilty of connection with S. Was it after you rec'd the app't.
of Missy. of P. E. S. U.S.A.? (You said nothing in regard to the story of
Jack's wife. — Another man besides Hall has said something about
this, and some other thing, I have not yet been able to ferret it out.

He told the one who professed to know something about it to suppress it,
for it would hang you. This escaped my mind last night — But if you have
done any other criminal act I wish you to confess it to me, now, while the
subject is under consideration. If it be in my power, the whole affair
shall be conducted in such a manner as shall result to the smallest injury
of your unfortunate family —

Truly your friend
Thomas J. Savage.

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