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E. H. Butler, Esq.

My dear Sir:

I was much pleased with your letter.

I have felt very much outraged by this infamous scandal and under advice have kept quiet though it has been hard to resist the inclination to speak.

One thing surprises me. How on earth could a boy with no friends but his industry reach the place at the bar, among the people, be begged to accept the nomination for mayor, be elected by an immense majority regardless of party, perform the duties well, be nominated and elected governor, receive the plaudits of all the good men of the State, and in all these things, work hard, and yet be a drunken debaucher? Some things are too ridiculous for belief; and it did seem to me that this was one of them. I see somewhere printed, a letter in which the editor of the Telegraph is called "a Christian gentleman." I should think that would make any Buffalo man laugh.

I shall write as you suggested to Mr. Jones. A friend such as he has proved himself to be should be fully appreciated.

I am always glad to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely,

s/ Grover Cleveland