

[To: Elias Carr, Raleigh,
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Saturday

The majority of
the occupants will
go to - except in -
character for free
siding, but if the
social men are
to be made a
fact then, you
will see a good
many men in the
way of the
main platform.

Dear Father

I enclose you a brief criticism of his speech, I have not answered it in detail simply because his whole argument is based upon the absurdity of "intrinsic value," & were I to do so, it would necessitate a tiresome repetition, I deny absolutely the correctness of his major premise, & I when I do this it would be utterly silly to follow his argument in detail, If my opponent starts out with the assumption that a straight line is the longest distance between two points, & I grant him the correctness of his assumption, why, he could lead me anywhere - to the conclusion, may be, that the moon was a big bear house, but I have no idea of doing that, I don't argue that way - Argue the major premise with your opponent, but the conclusion, when you have failed to agree on the correctness of the

major premise, never. It is silly, absolutely
silly to do otherwise, I never saw C's
speech before you sent me a copy. The
silver men here, so far as I know, have
never referred to ^{it} & that they would have
done so had they considered it dangerous I
have not the slightest doubt.

Still if you want me to go over the
speech in detail, I shall gladly do so.
I have examined the Insurance papers
you sent me, & think that in view of the
age, 57, & the fact that you have been
once turned down, you could hardly do
better elsewhere; provided, of course, the
company is all right. I wanted to help
you in this matter, but just now, can't
say what I can do. We are cutting rents
fearfully to keep tenants in houses, & if
there is not a change soon, landlords
incomes will not suffice to pay taxes.
But I will have a talk with you soon
about the matter. Love to all.

Hastily & affly
Buller.