

the wise is generally superfluous. Be wise, Cyrus, in your day and generation. Seek fame in other fields. Open a boarding-house or an undertaker's shop, or both. This will give you a chance to study human nature in all its phases. It is the school for a poet and philosopher. Don't miss the opportunity. Don't waste your promising young life writing poetry or running a daily paper to reform the morals of a mining camp. Either is sure to bring you to an ignominious grave. But if, in spite of my prayers and tears, you will persist, send me your paper. I shall have a curiosity to see what sort of a stagger you make at moulding the protoplasm of public opinion into a cellular structure of moral impulse. Send me the paper, *sure*. So-long. God protect you.

Always,

FITZ-MAC.