

cheer him through the hardships of such an encounter. Besides, you know I would not give you the money did I not think well of your work on the whole. But further reflections upon my illiberal offer I leave to you.

Do not tell your wife of my proffered barbarity—she would become my enemy ; but merely pat that roguish baby of yours on the head and pull the ears of your dog, on my behalf. Or, if you tell your wife, bid her reflect that you have preached to me twice a week all summer, when I could not answer ; now I, who am much older and more versed in the world, ask only to preach to you once a week, and you are at liberty to answer.