

Albany February 21. 1849

My dear Sir

Your very welcome letter is before me, and in the first place I am extremely happy to hear from you, and in the next, only too happy to comply with the flattering request of your lady friend. You will find enclosed a couple of my poor verses for her, which please present with my compliments.

I take this opportunity to thank you most warmly and cordially for your too flattering but truly beautiful notice of your friend in the Journal of Commerce. I had the pleasure of reading it - (for we all have our vanity you know) in the J. C. and it was copied in the Argus of this city. Independently of myself, it is really a beautiful notice. Am I right in ascribing to you, the notice of the death of the old lady who had seen her hundred winters published in your paper originally, but which has been copied and re-copied in the papers all over. I do not think I am mistaken in the latter, and I read them with a thrill of pleasure. How true and graphic a description of an hundred years. How many events are crowded in that space of time in life's "strange history". Such articles make the reputation of a newspaper.

I see an mutual friend Brighton every day. He is fast winning high reputation as a speaker and legislator.

The current of events runs as ever in our city. Parties at night and legislating by day. Trusting that I will have the pleasure of hearing from you again, believe me
M. C. Prime Esq. very truly your friend
Alfred B Street