

Hennepin Ill. July 12-95.

Mr Durly took Miss Clark, Mrs Puelly & myself over to H. time viz - wife stays at home. A fine working woman of severe type - the wife prefer that sheeting for she is silent in company & disapproves of things - low curtesy - wooded with a bluff which is a surprise - a muddy road was the muddy - not a fine - cross the famed Hennepin Canal - under Illinois river & cross on ferry - a horse which they walk attached to a rope pulled as on he walks from front to rear of boat attached. The rope & goes back usually to begin on - upper part power for time is as much walking ~~non~~ non-productive as time is productive. "A horse with a handle" the reflective little Miss Clark says.

Mr Durly whom we go to see was an abolitionist made so by reading the debates of Henry Clay & Morris of Ohio (1810). He voted in two for Harbison but reluctantly & after that became an out-and-out abolitionist. Mr Durly was born in 1810 & served in Black Hawk war that is he went to Rock Island & when the troops were disbanded he walked with others from Rock Island to Port Clark now Peoria. They made their head of meal & water & baked in rolls of bark laid by the fire - these had sticks lashed thru the prong things - & on this trip they did not see a white person. During the anti-slavery Congressional campaign of 1847 L. came to Hennepin & asked Mr L. to vote for Lins. M.D. said no ^{because} and Mr L. was not campaign

abolitionist. Mr. L. said "when I go home I'll write you explaining my position". He said Mr. D. has ~~handwritten~~ ^{handwritten} a very kind of it. Tello him a young minister who just came to visit him. The fact is supercilious & Mr. D. tells him "you may have been to college but you are dreadfully green" mentioning letters & more is astonished delight of Mr. D. - Helped run out ^{himself} the door for ~~himself~~ Smith to Canada - much improved with the vividness of conviction marks Mr. D. still possesses. He shakes his fist in indignation. His eyes snap. His nose rises & falls as if he were young. He feels now, it is evident, all that he did ~~of~~ ^{of} years in the 20's & 30's. He tells me he has preached woman's suffrage for 30 yrs. but he is much broken & now I think recalls pathetically that he is good for nothing. No false pride at home. When his son suggests before he comes in put on your coat & father he says "What for I don't want it". He is truly kept to hotel to see for the servant is out & only a slip of a young grandchild there to keep house. Old man ~~dead~~ ^{dead} "Why I ain't used to this - put on some bread & butter & molasses. Why we were de this - I've entertained as many as 30 at a time" & I believe him. I feel sorry for old man & sorry for the rest that they cannot see that it is of much more importance to make him happy than to entertain me. And that is what they are doing. They want to do the same some thing by me & do they are attending to it but the poor old man is hurt & I fear he will never forget it.