

Providence - Sept 20, 1892,
The Eve of Execution.
From the Old Bailey -

My Dear Dean,

I appreciate and keenly
feel the kindness of your farewell
card. My quill allows me to pen
these few lines in reply. The fatal ax
will drop at 8-45 A.M. tomorrow. I
have quite nerve'd myself up to the
oudeal, I assure you I die an inno-
cent man - and "these few precepts"
in thy memory look thou character.
If in after life, you should ever meet
my dear wife, be good to en. for their
father's sake. I can commend them
also for their own. If my boy should
show any inclination towards teach-
ing, pray remonstrate with him wisely.
"By this sin fell the angels", being
though gently, lead him to pasture new.
If you should hear that my daughter
had contracted an alliance with
a totamist, do, I beg you, see it is too
late, warn her of the doom of such
contract. As for yourself, be virtuous,
and you'll have a soft thing, then
totamist; forever close-day punches,

especially trinitarians are those of
Hansen. I die content, my heart
in charity with all men, Be
thou my eulogist, Friends are
kindly requested ~~not~~ to send
flowers, or if any, a few geraniums
only. An opportunity will be given
to view the remains. An autopsy
is considered unnecessary.

It comes over ^{me} that as the
years go by, and my beard
is examined, posterity will con-
sider me a martyr, Tears will
be shed, and people even will
say Old Brown killed him - poor
fellow. Pray ask my wife for a
coat that hangs in my upper
chest. I die then with my bless-
ing - The last ever my father's
W. W. B.



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Walter Deane correspondence

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