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Dear Dr. Harpur,

I avail myself of this opportunity to send you a few names, as you suggested that I should do, of students taking my course in Poetics:

Miss Bentley
Mr. Friedman
Mr. Snyder
Miss Wetherlow
Miss Ranney
Miss Beardley
Miss Anderson.

If you still think well of the idea, it would, I think, be suitable to suggest my making a poem of my own the subject of classroom study and criticism to any one, or more, of the above-named. The poem of which we talked was "Webster: an Ode," which I read before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of the University of Vermont at Burlington, and part of which I afterward read at the Webster Centennial Celebration, held at Marshfield, his old home. I should not think it best to adopt the course suggested unless asked so to do by the class themselves.

 yours, / C. H. Kitterson
5520 Madison Ave., Chicago.
April 29, 1873.

Dear Dr. Harper,

There are considerations which put it quite out of the question for me to continue my work here on terms more favorable to the University than those indicated in my note of last Tuesday, receipt of which you acknowledged. I certainly do not wish to "press" the University, and I think the concession I propose, to enable the trustees to meet a demand on my part which you in conversation frankly recognized as entirely reasonable, will amply show this.

I do not suppose that the present communication will affect at all the final action of the administration in the premises; but a sense of justice to myself as well as to you, compelled me to make it.

If it will at all contribute to the speedy consummation of arrangements for the future, I am...
Tuesday Evening, April 25.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I want to thank you tonight with the purpose fully formed not to accede to any proposal that should involve my receiving less than $1500 for the quarter's work to be undertaken. I was more than willing, however, to show my appreciation of the peculiar temporary state of things to be confronted during the next University year. It now occurs to me that it would be a sufficient proof of such disposition on my part if I had made to you in conversation, as I now make to you in writing, the condition that
even for next year my quarterly salary should be fixed at $1500, I agreeing to let $500 of the amount remain an obligation of the University to be discharged at its convenience, probably some time in the year following.

Please therefore regard this modified form of agreement on my part as that which I am willing to have presented to the Committee and to the Board. Unless this condition be met, I may fairly assume, may I not, that my service is not so highly valued that I should greatly grieve the University in relinquishing my relation to it as professor.

Very sincerely,

Wm. C. Wilkerson
Dear Mr. Harper,

I have prepared two additional courses for the winter quarter. These I will speak of to my classes, post on the bulletin board, exhibit in the "University News," and otherwise make public as may be suggested. I shall thus I hope make good, in a degree at least, the defect.
of the Calendar.

It seems so impossible to talk things out, (you time being engrossed to such an extent) that I will now briefly write in blunt fashion the points most necessary of what I should wish to say:

I should not think it wise for me to continue teaching in the University unless the conditions were made more favorable for the highest success. The thing indispensable is that I should have a chance external to equal to the best. There would have to be a quite unusu...
With the most cordial personal feeling,

Faithfully yours,

W.C. Wilkinson

I should not for a moment have entertained the idea of returning to teaching work anywhere else than in the University of Chicago. I finally came to hope that, if you, as president, were disposed to give me such support as was necessary, it might be my duty to make so important a change in my activity. If this condition fails, I shall contentedly and hopefully return to work with my pen.

W.C.
Dear Dr. Small:

Would you like to garnish your "Harper Memorial" address with the above sonnet on the strength of an identification furnished by a very distinguished gentleman who writes of it as follows (no name having been given him in connection with the sonnet submitted for his consideration):

"A striking characterization, it — Harp. Perhaps all would not recognize the portrait, but I was too intimate with the original to mistake it."

You know how sincerely I can sign myself

Cordially yours,

W. C. Wilkinson

Kindly return in the enclosed envelope, with particulars of any wish you may have concerning it. I wish I could hope to hear you.

W. C. W.
The Point of Honor

A Character

A man of parts, a man therewith of -- what?

Assuredly of boundless push and -- "pull",

And of devices shrewd innumerable.

"Devices may be shrewd, while scrupulous not".

Oh, yea, but his were scrupulous to a dot;

He no device would practice without full

Frank answer from it to the question, You'll

Quite satisfy the point of honor? Blot

On my escutcheon I could nowise bear.

What is my point of honor? To Succeed.

The stain of but one failure I should wear

Forever like a wound that still must bleed.

Let truth, let justice, of themselves take care,

My point of honor must have all my heed.
The Voice of Reason

A Description

You can be brave, and you can be strong, and you can be wise, and you can be kind. You can be everything that you want to be. You can be anything you want to be. You can be anything you want to be.

But you can be brave, and you can be strong, and you can be wise, and you can be kind. You can be everything that you want to be. You can be anything you want to be. You can be anything you want to be.

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May 27, 1912.

My dear Professor Wilkinson:-

If Dr. Harper were still with us in the body, I doubtless commend your lines to him as a mirror in which he might profitably look upon certain of his impulses as they would appear after caricature had done its worst. Any one who knew him fairly well and did not know that some of the temptations of his qualities lurked in the direction you indicate would have to be mentally or morally blind. I told him so more than once, in language less artistic than yours, but more truthful. To insinuate, however, that your indictment of Dr. Harper is a judicial estimate of his character is so monstrous that to treat it as it deserves would overtax not only a subtlety of diction equal to your own, but a refinement of cynicism which I have also not achieved.

If I were addicted to betting I should not hesitate to risk a considerable sum on my ability at the first attempt to name "the very distinguished gentleman" who shares your disposition of defamation toward Dr. Harper. The friends of this gentleman have given him the benefit of the hope that he had outgrown the disappointment due to his own lack of wisdom commensurate with his ambition. I could not, if I would, say of him anything so damaging as his reaffirmation of himself in this gratuitous complicity in slander of the dead. Fortunately I am one of a goodly number whose knowledge of the relations between the two men absolves us from seriously considering the question whether your correspondent could be a dispassionate judge of Dr. Harper.

Sincerely, 

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