

June 21. 1887

Dear Mr Bruntz

I return the proof.

Your allowance of 20 pp. is liberal. I hoped before that it would come within that, now I think it is pared down to it.

I have omitted the passages you objected to.

As to your question about Wesley's politics, I believe I

am not wrong. In no point  
has his example seemed to me  
more admirable, or more  
exactly the opposite of the  
Veuillot, Margotti,  
Civiltà Cattolica, & ~~Stimmen~~  
Aus Maria Laach school  
with which I am intimate.  
"Based on the word of God"  
surely; but to me that is  
not identical with making  
your "political opinions"  
appear as if those of St.  
You evidently have Hughes  
in your eye. It is a long

time since I read any political  
writing of his; but a good  
deal of what I did read  
was mutatis mutandis in  
type & priestly forms wonder-  
fully like that, <sup>with</sup> which I am  
elsewhere acquainted. Extremes  
meet. The word is a parallel  
the 'Compassionate Address'  
to the Inhabitants of Ireland,  
the 'Free Thoughts on Public'  
Affairs, the 'Thoughts on the  
Present Scarcity of Provisions',  
those upon Slavery, the 'Calm  
Address to the Colonies', the  
'Observations on debt', &c.  
or are to be exemplary

and as completely re-elected in two or three Ireland was & with which  
the body of the country would have been for till actual fighting would be great only  
why it other, was carried.

Cases of a man putting forth  
what he believes to be "based on the  
word of God", but just as should  
be the opinions of any Christian citizen,  
& without the least pretence of any  
authority more than an opponent  
may claim. I believe that no  
Methodist Preacher who had  
carefully studied the spirit of those  
pieces would have felt that he could  
have adopted a better, any more  
than he would have felt bound to  
copy the opinions, except in the  
clear cases where they were based  
on the word of God, or perhaps on  
examination that would prove to  
be nearly all in which that word  
is appealed to, which are not many.

How thankful ought Gladstone  
to be for his defeat last year! had he  
carried his Bill, his name would now  
have been in England where that of James  
Buchanan is in America. What a  
jubilee should we have had! The best

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CARLTON CLUB,

PALL MALL.S.W.

16 March 1866

My dear Sir

I have just written  
in my return to  
London.

I feel much  
honoured by your  
reference, but I  
w. prefer at  
present not

writing an article.  
until W. H. Adams  
announces his  
where then  
is a scope  
for power &  
prophecy

W. H. Adams  
Adams

A

June. 17. 1886.

My dear Sir

I owe you many  
apologies for not having  
answered your letter of  
April last. But a variety  
of matters prevented me  
from making up my mind  
as to writing the paper  
you suggested to me. I  
shudder for many reasons

have been glad to do it  
but being engaged in  
helping the gentleman  
who is writing my Father's  
life for Messrs. Cassell  
to be published in September  
I did not at the moment  
see my way to contribute  
on this subject to the  
Contemporary. I have also  
been much distractedly

having been to see few  
of the Continent. Now  
the dissolution has come  
and if I contract a fever  
I shall not have a moment  
to spare for some weeks.

That is the consideration  
which has at last  
compelled me no longer  
to hold the matter over  
but to reply to your note  
Yours faithfully  
Ernest Ashley.

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Asquith, H. H.

I, PAPER BUILDINGS,

TEMPLE, LONDON, E.C.

13 June 1887

Dear Sir,

I fear that it  
is quite impossible  
for me, at any rate  
during the present  
year, to comply with  
your kind request  
that I should write

an article for the  
'Contemporary Review'.  
My time is too fully  
occupied ~~then~~ to  
allow of my attempting  
anything of the sort,  
except during the  
vacation, and after

an unusually exhausting  
year. I contemplate  
spending the holidays  
in complete & unbroken  
idleness.

Yours faithfully  
H. W. H. Seymour  
O. W. Bunting

1, PAPER BUILDINGS,  
TEMPLE, LONDON, E.C.

14 Feb 91

My dear Bunting,

I agree that  
such a memorandum  
as you suggest  
would be useful.

But my pen is so  
rusty with disuse,

and I am so over-  
whelmed with it  
present with business  
of various kinds,  
that it would take  
me more time than  
I can spare to  
put together any-

thing that I could  
ask you to accept  
on your readers  
to tolerate.

Yours very truly  
H. W. Duntz  
P. W. Duntz

I, PAPER BUILDINGS,  
TEMPLE, LONDON, E.C.

12 Jan 92

Dear Brunting,

I wish I had  
time - but I haven't -  
to comply with your re-  
quest. The subject re-  
quires careful thought  
& delicate handling,  
and I could not just  
now give it enough of

either. I agree with  
what you say as to  
the purposes for wh.  
streets & public open  
places are dedicated  
to the public. They  
are places of resort as  
well as of passage, &  
the former mode of use

the 'subordinate' is not  
to be sacrificed to the  
latter.

Yours very truly  
W. W. Lusk

Alton Clinton,  
Gring.

22 Dec 1895

Dear Madam,

Thank you  
for your letter of  
the 18<sup>th</sup>.

I understood & share  
to the full the sense

of impatience & even  
of humiliation with  
which so many of our  
fellow-countrymen and  
fellow-countrywomen are  
watching the condition  
of affairs in the  
Ottoman Empire.

In the absence of that  
fuller knowledge which we  
can only hope to obtain  
when Parliament ~~feels~~  
meets, I feel that  
more harm than good  
might result from the  
best-intentioned action,  
and it is for that reason

But, like many others,  
I think it better for  
the moment to keep  
silence.

Yours very truly

W. H. Asquith

John Bunting

Confidential



10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall, S.W.

9 June 1908

My dear Bunting,

I have the pleasure  
of informing you, with  
the King's approval, that  
on the occasion of His  
Majesty's approaching  
birthday, you shall  
receive the dignity of a  
Knight.



Some long & self-sacrificing  
Services  
to literature & to liberation  
make it especially gratifying

to me to ask your  
acceptance of this  
slight, but most deserved,  
recognition

Yours sincerely  
W. W. Bunting  
P. W. Bunting



10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall, S.W.

12th October, 1910.

Dear Sir Percy,

Many thanks for letting me see  
Sidney Webb's notes on the Osborne  
Judgment. I am keeping them by me  
for the moment, as I wish to read  
them carefully.

Yours very truly  
H. H. Asquith

Sir Percy Bunting.





Manchester,  
May 13, 1888.

Dear Sir - The enclosed letter  
from Pres. Adams reached  
me just as I was leaving  
London for Paris, and the one  
from Prof. Bryce I received  
on my return, only the day  
before leaving on my return  
trip. I tried to call on you  
that day, but found it im-  
possible. As the matter  
referred to in the latter,  
I write to say that I was led  
to think of preparing an Ar-  
ticle on Agricultural Edu-  
cation in the United States,  
from the fact the Lord  
Spencer expressed a strong

desire to have in available form the facts that I stated to him, and he arranged for a meeting with some members of the National Technical Association, mostly members of Parliament, before whom I gave a similar statement last week in a Committee room of the House. Several gentlemen there expressed so cordially the wish that I would publish the facts communicated, that I was led back Prof. Bryce whether such a publication would be useful. His affirmative reply led to this giving me the letter to you. Now, the point, the case is this: I am so busy when at home, that

I fear I should not undertake the task unless there were a distinct call for it; I dare an article would be acceptable for the Contemporary, I should make an effort to prepare it - at once on receiving home (I hail the 16<sup>th</sup>), and I should be very glad to gratify the gentlemen who have expressed their wishes to me. The subject is an absolutely great contribution in influential quarters in England, and I should hope that a free ventilation of our experience and mistakes might be of service. If you can consider this matter, will you kindly write me at my home overseas (Stettin College, Pa., U.S.A.)? Truly yours, Wm. Brewster

*[The page contains extremely faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is organized into several paragraphs across the page.]*

TYN-Y-FFYNON,

BARMOUTH,

NORTH WALES.

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>  
1896

Dear Sir -

I have decided to publish large portions of letters written to me by Mr. Ruskin during 173, 174 and 175. I have permission to do so; ~~though~~ Mr. Serlon will look through the MS. and I shall omit anything to which she objects. I should like them to appear in one of the good magazines, and wish to know if you think such a Series would be suitable for the Contemporary.

They appear to me to  
be of great general interest -  
though addressed to a girl, &  
dealing very often with the  
small concerns of a girl's life.

I wish to remain anonymous,  
and should <sup>propose</sup> to call the  
papers - only - "Letters from Mrs.  
Ruskin to a girl friend."

I have written a few intro-  
ductory sentences; & now & then  
it is necessary to insert a  
brief explanation of some remarks

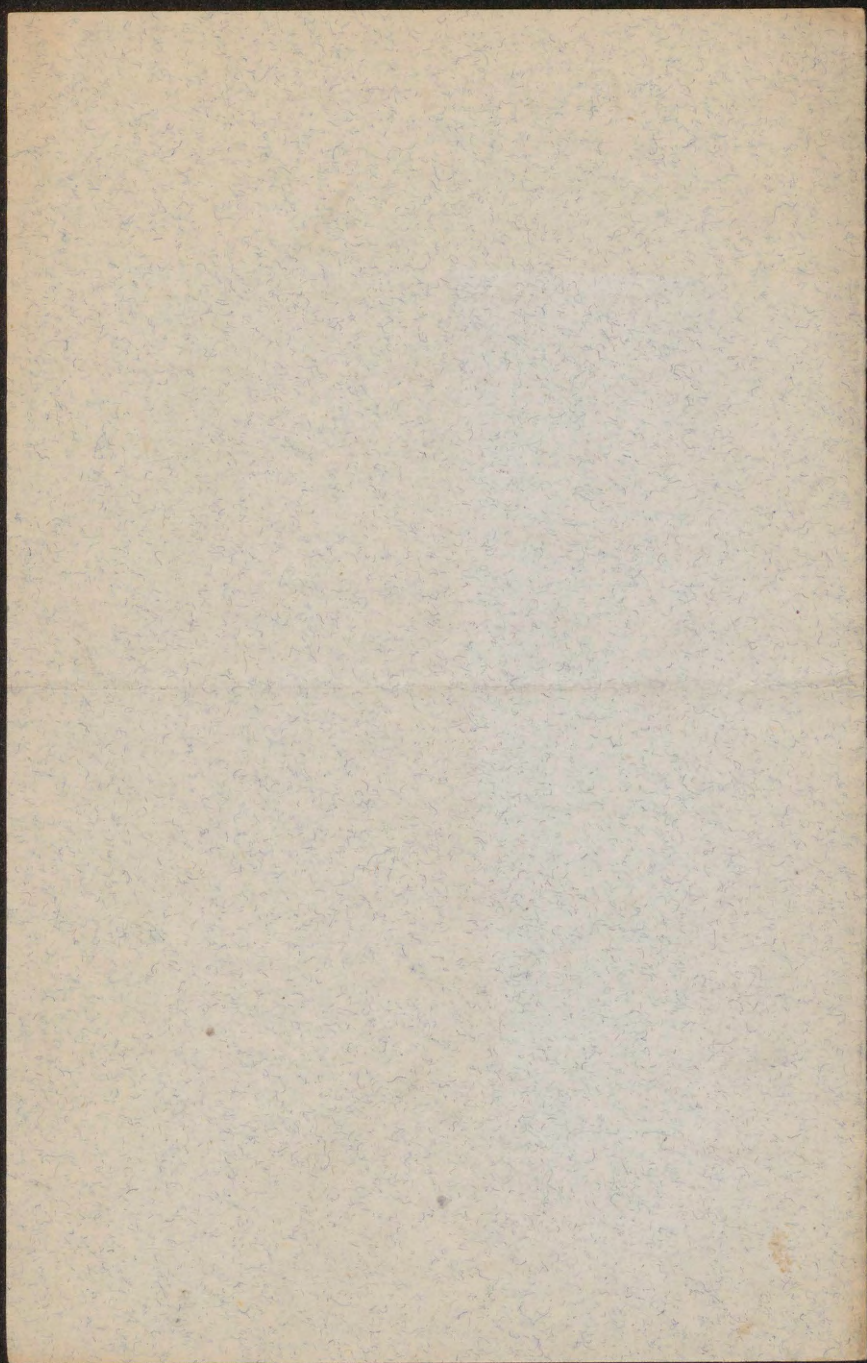
in Mr Ruskin's letters. But there  
is very little except his own words.

If you would care to see as  
far as I have copied & arranged,  
I will send the packet. But  
kindly note that I do not wish  
to be known as the 'girl friend.'

I should like the Letters to  
come out in monthly batches -  
then I might know if the Public  
cared for them, and keep  
back, or put in - so seemed  
best.

Faithfully yours

Blanche Atkinson.



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SWINFORD HOUSE,  
ASHFORD,  
KENT.

April 26<sup>th</sup> Decr

1882

My dear Sir,

I am very sorry  
to hear you are  
not going to  
front the Tunnel  
in the May  
number; for,  
as the first one  
shows, they were

written in March  
(the reference  
I that month  
will seem rather  
out of date in  
June.

Your idea of having  
an historical  
article is an

excellent one;  
but I should  
not like to have  
the Sonnets  
collected, so  
to speak, with  
any historical  
or argumentative  
paper, for it

hurd for the  
Society. The air  
of being untrue,  
as it were

"to order" —  
a dreadful  
supposition.

Very sincerely,  
Chas. B. Huntington.

Wm. W. Brewster.

~~A~~ Alfred Russel Wallace  
June 14. 1882 <sup>1882</sup>

My dear Sir,

I beg to thank  
you for the cheque,  
for which I beg  
to ~~the~~ enclose receipt.

You ask me  
if I have been  
writing anything  
in prose. Yes,

I have been writing  
a paper on Abelard,  
arising out of  
a prose drama  
upon him as much  
written by the  
late Charles de  
Rémusat, the  
friend & colleague  
of Murs (I  
published posthumously  
his son, Monsieur

Paul de Rémusat.  
I began it some  
months ago, but  
put it aside.  
Now, however, it  
is done, & you  
shall have it for  
the Contemporary,  
if you care to  
have it. I think  
it is interesting;  
& nothing has been

written on Abelard  
in English as in  
times that I know  
of. The paper is  
partly on Le  
Rémusat's play,  
partly on Abelard.  
& Heloise.

was influenced  
by the metric.

Prof. W. Bunting }

A  
SWINFORD HOUSE,  
ASHFORD,  
KENT.

Dear Mr. Banting

I am going  
to publish in  
the course of the  
autumn a  
volume of short  
poems. I  
want to include  
as many of these

that have appeared  
at various times  
in the "Contemporary"  
will you kindly  
obtain for me  
the approval of  
the proprietors?  
I have no hesitation

in making the  
request, as  
they possess have  
no money ~~that~~  
value worth  
speaking of.

Yours very sincerely  
Alfred Hitchcock

H. J. O.  
Aug 30. 1882  
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P.S. Write me kindly  
let me have a copy  
of the Contemporary  
in which "Port  
Jervis" appeared.  
I have lost my  
copy, I do not  
remember the  
date of its  
appearance.



SWINFORD OLD MANOR,

March 8. ASHFORD, KENT. 1908.

Dear Mr. Percy Bunting,

I have been considering  
your suggestion, for  
which I thank you;  
but there is nothing,  
I think, about  
which I want to  
liberate my mind.

The Babel of tongues  
& fuss on any iniquitous  
subject, at present,  
prevailing, and of course

SWINFORD Old Manor.

ASHFORD KENT

one to swell it, or even  
to comment on it  
save in symbolical  
magnification; & that, I  
did ~~many~~ many years  
ago. I am

Yours faithfully,

Alfred Austin.

I hope the "Contemporary"  
shd flourish.

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Alfred Austin

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