

38. Westbourne Terrace

6. Jan'y. 1898

My dear Bunting,

1899?

Let me

Thank you most warmly for
the fine tribute to my
brother's great energy in
his public career. All you
say of his devoted heart
and to the cause of the
'betterment' (in its largest
sense) of the city & the people
is most true & deserved. Thank
you for your well-timed words
of consolation. This is a great blow
& a cruel shock to us all.

I have read and considered
all you say as to the great
China Problem. I feel with
you that there is a great deal
to be said on every side of the
question. But even since you
wrote fresh light is being
thrown on it by new information,
and also the trend of opinion
of the better press is towards
caution & expectation.

1. We now see how hasty
is the German outburst. - How
utterly powerless the mailed fist

is in face of all of our bigger
navies - how trivial is the
concession in the light of the
vast extent & population of China.

2. Opinion seems to favour
financial & political help to
China, & I am inclined to that

3. It is far from clear that China
is going to burst up, unless Japan
& England together act with
violent aggression - and they
are the two powers which at
present seem disposed to
maintain the status quo.

4. If either Germany, or France

or (perhaps) Russia, was to
conquer a vast Empire out of
China, it would be held at the
sufferance of England, which
we had naval supremacy.

5. As Farrer somewhere in
"Concord" speaks of Empire
does nothing to improve our trade.
Its proportion of foreign to imperial
funds remains the same in spite
of its enormous extension of our
territory since 1875.

On the whole, after reflection
I do not feel ready yet to discuss
the Problem in a set article. We
must wait to see developments
at home & abroad
Yours sincerely
F. Harrison.

7. June.

ELM HILL,

1911.

HAWKHURST.

Dear Sir Percy,

Very many thanks
for your invitation. Alas! I am too
busy. I am still struggling with
the proofs of the Index being two
8^{vo} vols which I undertook to make
myself, & have put it on a new plan.
As it is an Autobiography, I have
divided the Index into two parts
Part I is Author & is chronological
in order & follows the paging, & is not
alphabetical - so the story can be
followed up as a life. Part II is

P.S. 1. I am altogether doubtful about this Races Congress, & only at Sirings's earnest entreaty did I allow my name to appear on its papers. I shall not attend it. I fear it may do mischief if Race is taken to conflict with Nation, as it so often does. I am of course a warm Nationalist, but Race as in the East of Europe, & often in Ireland, & in India & Egypt, mixes Nationality. Of all race folly - the Hebrew race is the most ridiculous.

P.S. 2. If they do have a new 500 I shall salute you Milord English.

General - of course far the larger & is alphabetical & ranges all round the world from Africa to Yonkers. N.Y. U.S.A. An Index is very troublesome work to one who is not an expert. Besides this I am in the midst of a series of 8 long articles to appear in the Positivist Review monthly month up to Jan: 1912 on the Moral & Social Reaction of various Religions Systems - & I have to be very careful what I say & how I say it. This is quite enough for an old man of 80 - without the problem of Races. Yours ever
Frederic Harrison.

9. Sept.
Elm Hill.
Hawthurst. 1903

Dear Bunting,

Alas! it is impossible
I don't know what to think of Wood
S. except that he was something of
a statesman, a good deal of a liar,
and a smart party manager.
But I am too full. I only got
back from Paris yesterday, where
I have been to make a Combes'
46th anniversary. And I was
to start tonight to take my wife
to Skibo to the Carnegies for a

short holiday. I have to edit
& write (in part) our own Review
for Oct. & I am correcting proofs
of my new book a historical
romance if you please to begin
in the Forth. Rev. in Oct.
It is Byzantine history of the
10th Century, a tremendous tale of
battle, love, wars, conspiracies, murder
and religion. It is all true history,
taken from contemporary Greek
Chronicles, & is intended to awaken
respect for the earlier Byzantine
history, on which I have long worked.
Always yrs Frederic Harrison.

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W. 13. November. 1894

My dear Banting, I have been
so busy the last ten days, preaching
every Sunday against Diggle -
— him, saving your Puritanism,
at the Museum all day over the
Gibbon Manuscripts that I have
left unanswered your letter. I
agree with you, as you will see if you
look at my chapter on the Israel
City - mine & also Barnett's - but
mine in my little book, you will

This country is rushing
like a herd of swine into
Papistry in religion and
Empire Mentis in Art.

So that I look for a large amount
of rational amusement. I believe
one day it will be at fold (before the
Puritans came in) given by rich
men, at the suggestion of the clergy.

As to me I am preaching every Sunday
night at Newton Hall on such
topics - But not in a form that
I can write print. Next Sunday
I devote to Gibbon's memory, and
after that to Municipal Organization.
And I shall soon weekly like Jan'y.
No! I fear I can't do nothing this side
of '95 - if I ever live to see it.

Many thanks for the cheque
you sent along truly
Frederic Harrison.

BLACKDOWN COTTAGE,

HASLEMERE.

2. Oct. 1894

My dear Bunting, I only
had your letter here this
morning, & did not see
the Report (in the Times only)
till last night. I must
think over it, & try to give you
an answer in a day or two.

I think the Report very able
& conclusive, & feel sure that
it is right in all main points.
All the more, that I never could
go with my Progression friends

Yours sincerely

Fredric Harrison

been published at different
times - it includes the lecture
on the Sacredness of Ancient
Buildings which you were so good
as to print some years ago. About
half the volume is unpublished.
My friends tell me it is very desirable
to have the book out this month
& I am just winding up the title
& preface etc. When this
is out of my hands, I will see if I
have any mind left for London.
By the way, in my essay on the
Transformation of London I followed the

that an Elected Municipal
body should have sole &
direct control of the
Police, on which the very
existence of the Empire
might depend. I have been

down here all the summer
but have been hard at work
bringing out my Meaning of
History, Historic Cities &c. a
volume of essays, & lectures
given in Toynbee Hall, Newlin
Hall, the Oxford Schools, &c.
About half the volume has
been of the Report

This is my
article. I will think

yes ever

F. Hume²⁴.

38, Westbourne Terrace,

Apelles. 106.

W.

10. Feb. 1894.

Mr Dear Bunting,

I was very sorry to decline your
tempting invitation. I am very
busy all this month, having to
give 3 lectures within a short
period, & prepare a very long
historical piece. Besides, though
I would make an effort for you
as Littré said - "then, I will add
2 hours more to my 16 per diem
and take them out of my sleep!"
- I am barred. I have already
declined urgent calls from
3 other organs & deal with the
H. of Lords - on the ground that
I am

(1) That it is now utterly idle, and almost comic, & (2) anything that I should say, would do harm rather than good.

I give up

Politics - for this century. And if I were to live in to the next, I should be too old to do anything. Actum est de republica libera. The Government is hopelessly divided and irresolute; all their measures are blocked; their Budget will cause a yell; they can do nothing & will do nothing; I doubt if they will exist 3 months more. Before the autumn there may be

a chance of good or dissolution - probably both. In any case within 6 months we are delivered over to the Tories, and they will rule us at will till the 1900's. The H. of Lords are our masters. We are going to be governed by the H. of Lords in Church & State - socially, politically, & ecclesiastically. And an eminent Liberal (!) said to me yesterday - "And a good thing too!". Mr. G. & his friends, you & I & the rest of us have made a good fight. But the sad part is - utter failure all along the line.

not a single measure passed -
The Liberal party broken into
fragments, headless, aimless,
hopeless. Ireland will be policed
& humbugged. Parties will be
reformed & many Gladstonians
will become conservatives. Education
will be handed over to parsons.
Legislation will become repressive
Reaction in Church & State will
follow. Mr. G. has against him -
Englishmen, wealth, all the interests,
all the classes, all the professions,
the Church, the bar, the exchange
The workmen are split into Socialists
& Trade Unionists, ultra's, and
radicals, & are powerless. By the
year 1899 we may get a square
issue again, but it will be Capital v. La

Oct: 26. 1887

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

My dear Banting, I have had all the
month past an appointment with Mr
Somers Clark Archt of Decies yard to
go round the Abbey with him & hear
his report on its present state &c. But
it has been deferred owing to a journey
out of town of his & last week
of mine, where I have been staying

in Derbyshire to meet Mr. Gladstone

I have to go to Manchester on
Saturday to open the Pontifical
Society's session here, & on my
return next week I hope to see
Mr. Samuel Clark & will communicate

Yours truly

F. Harrison

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Blackdown Cottage

Haslemere

30 May. 1890

My dear Bunting,

I think what

reached you about a year or

that I intended saying a

few words about Mr Rosebery's

address to the L.C.C. This

I have done for Knollys'

I am No. 6 his request.

I cannot handle London

taxation as a whole in
detail. It is a very
technical question, in
which I am no expert.

Why not go to Sir T.
Farrer, who knows it.

You ought to get hold
of my brother Charles.

I believe his knowledge
of London tax rate
questions

is not equalled by
any one alive, & if
he will draft a paper,
I will, if he likes,
try to condense it. He
is a tremendously voluminous
writer, & puts into a paper
often more than the
average reader can grasp.
My bit about the L.C.C.
was intentionally of
the popular sort.

I have left town for
the summer, & am
trying to finish some
work that has been
long on hand.

Yours very truly

Frederic Harrison.

7. July. 1870

BLACKDOWN COTTAGE,
HASLEMERE.

Mrs. Bunting, I quite
agree that Mr Grimthorpe has
been making a disgraceful
dash of St Albans - playing
with a fine old monument as
if it were a toy of his own boy.
But I do not know enough
of the special facts of this
case to pronounce him. Mr
Morris is your man. He will
really work it well. Or
failing him, why not try
Dr Jessop, who spoke to me

to the annual meeting of
the "Preservation of Anc:
Buildings!"

As to politics
I am not fit to utter a
word. I am living
down here in solitude.
There nobody hardly read
a paper. I am at work
trying to finish my book
on the Calceolar.

Yours always

Fredrick Harrison.

H

Cecil Lodge

Westgate-on-Sea

13. Jan^y. 1889

My dear Bunting, I hope
you saw Dr. Paton, & expressed
my regret at missing him. I
had just time to send a card.
I intended bringing my lectures
on the French Revolution here to
see if I could make anything
out of them. But I came
away without them after
all. I fear that there is
little prospect of it being in
a state fit for publication. I
could not for 6 months at least
undertake new work.

This Irish business & his
Grace has thrown me out
of time. His extraordinary how
so acute a man can have
committed so complete an
ignoratioelenchi. Compare
his 3 pages of Irish history
with my 3 lines, & his 4
pages on the Pearl Sans with
my two lines. I said nothing
contrary to his assertions.

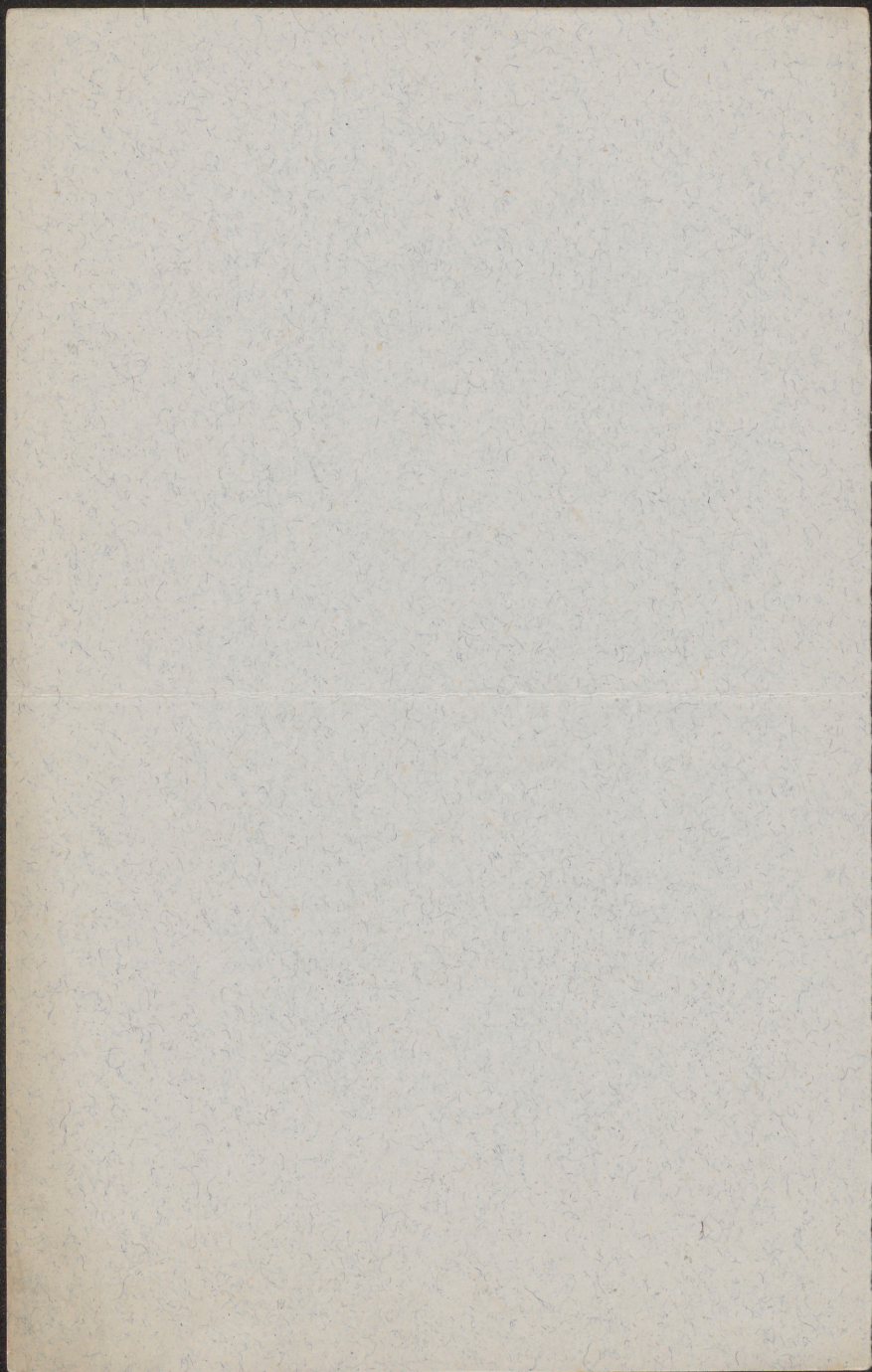
My MS, which will
run to about a sheet, I
will bring it up with me
when I return on the 18th.

Yours sincerely
Frederic Harrison.

11 March. 1890

My dear Bunting,

I tried to read
Palgrave's book but found it
such a tangle of wrong headed
subtleties that I could not
finish it, much less review it.
Besides the man to deal with
him is Firth of Oxford, who
wrote the excellent life of Cromwell
in Mr L. Stephen's Biographical
Dictionary, & who has answered
Palgrave step by step in the
Historical Review several times
yours sincerely
Frederic Harrison.



3 Jan^y. 1890

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

My dear Bunting - I have
been thinking over your proposals,
but I do not see my way to
write on Divorce at present.
One might almost be prepared
for a reformed law on separation
a mensa et thoro, alimony,
care of children, usufruct, &c.,
before one can be listened to
in proposing to limit complete
Divorce. And I have yet not

considered the details of these
problems sufficiently. The Central

African problem, so far as the
immediate action is concerned,
I dealt with in my address
on the South Africa with
its dreadful tangle of nationalities
is a jungle that I cannot pretend
to handle in a practical way.

I have been
looking over my Address of last

Wednesday, & I think that it
would not be unavailing for you

Two thirds of it or more deal
with the political & international
questions of the day.

The Labour Movement
Socialism

Ireland
Landlordism

Central Africa. (Stanley)

Brazilian Revolution.

French Republic Elections of 1889
Bonapartism

The Industrial Republic of the
future & its effect on social
political institutions.

If you would like to have it
it would be at the service of

the Review as a gift, provided
I could have the option of
reprinting it for the use of our
club, say at the end of
the month or quarter.

It might be
preceded by a note (editorial
or other) to the effect that
"attention having been drawn to
imperfect summaries which
had been made the subject of
comment, the Review had sus-
pended its rule not to publish
letters, in order to give the
writer the opportunity of stating
before the public his actual words &c.

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

By Henry I am constantly
being struck by the fact that
the greatest amount of sympathy
or at least candid attention that
my Newton Hall addresses
receive is from religious
bodies, non-conformists especially.
Mr. G. Reaney declares that
he is very largely with us.
The Christian World is the
organ which notices us best.

and I am continually
having letters & inquiries
from Congregational and
 Wesleyan ministers up &
down the country. A man
recently wrote to me from
Bath, & afterwards said
he belonged to a strict Methodist
family but had drifted into
a sort of vague Unitarianism. He

said he had found my
Newton Hall address in
pamphlet form on the table
of the Minister of the Chapel
beheaded - who recommended
him to read them (!) I
merely mention this as a
curiosity. I hope you
know the good friends of the

Yours sincerely

Fred. Harrison.

H

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

1 Dec. 1887

My dear Bunting,

Ever since October

I have been waiting for a bright
day to see the Abbey. I have
been twice about 2 but
could see nothing. The Anc.
Buildings Soc. asked me to
go over the Abbey with Mr.
Somers Clarke, Architect of
Dean's Yard, who has made
a special study of the state
of the Monuments & of
recent injuries & defects.

over some time this
month. But I cannot
write like the newspapers
your sincerely
Frederic H. Arndt.

He tells me that the point in
his life can only be seen on
quite a bright day at noon.
I have had a dozen appointments
with him which have
all fallen thro' by reason
of fog & gloom. Of course
neither he nor I need worry
free at noon when the sun
ever chances to shine out.
I want to go into the Campo
Santo & Cloister garden at
the Abbey, but not like I
have fully studied it with an
effect. All I can say is,
that I hope to get it

H
9. July.

1887

My dear Brewster, many thanks

for your letter & cheque
just received. The Society
for the Pr. Br. B. have collected
a body of facts as to West. Abney
his restoration & protection,
which they are desirous of
putting in my hands with a
view to a further discussion
in another article. If I find

that I can venture to
present their case with
adequate understanding, I
will send you a further
article before I do any-
thing else. They are pleased
today, that the article
has been useful to their
cause.

Yours sincerely

Frederic Harrison.

THE HERMITAGE,
ELSTEAD,
GODALMING.

23. April.

1887

My dear Bunting, J

Could not touch the Crime: Law Amend. yet
having a lecture to write, & I have
sworn to do nothing like my Romish
is of my hands - an awful curse.
And being down here for the rest of this
month, I could not refer to cases
like as would be necessary. As I

suggested in my letter and
the man to write is Henry Compton
for 30 years Clerk of the N. & W. Circuit
who has written much on the
Law of Conspiracy, Treason &c.

He probably is, after R. S. Wright,
the man who has most thoroughly
exhausted this branch of law
— being a criminal law officer,
he knows far more of it practically
than I or other students. You saw
an article of his on the Bill in
the P. M. G. about ten days ago — say
much to the point.

Sorry to delay my
answer. But your letter came
just as I was packing my books.
He has been kept in town by the
illness of a boy, & now we take
him for change of air.
Yours sincerely
Frederic Harrison

15. Nov.

1886

38, WESTBOURNE TERRACE, W.

My dear Bunting, I am
reading Dicey's book which
seems to me most important.
I am not fit to answer it as
it deserves. Try Bryce. A.P.
Unluckily I am occupied with
a course of Lectures on recent
books in Constitutional Law
e.g. Dicey's, Maine's &c
& I cannot for some weeks
find a day for another
reply. Y

you would care to give
a place to the Lecture
(of which the Times gives
a brief note today) it
is very much at your service.

It was on the (Typical) City
in ancient & modern times
& the Ideal City, touching on
a number of sanitary, social
& aesthetic reforms.

Yours truly

F. Harrison.

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THE HERMITAGE,

ELSTEAD,

GODALMING.

5. May. 1888

My dear Bunting,

I am very much
with you about putting this Irish
business. But I cannot make
up my mind as to what is
best worth saying till I come to
town next week & then it will
be too late to write. I find I can
read speeches on Ireland & like, but
not articles. I am for giving
a general support to the G. O. M.
on 2nd reading; but I should like
about his Bill terribly if committee
you are always best
F. Harrison.

THE HERMITAGE
ELSTED
GOBALING

H

16. Jan^y

1886.

38, WESTBOURNE TERRACE. W.

My dear Banting, To wit suit
you to print in the Contemporary
Review my address at Newton Hall
on the 1st. I am very much asked
for it; Mr H. Maine writes to
urge publication in a Review. It
was absurdly misreported in the
Times; being really an examination
of the Democratic Doctrine as
a working theory of government.
I ought to say that in accordance
with my practice in these things,
I should have asked you to
accept it as a gratuitous
contribution. Yours sincerely
Frederic Harrison

WESTBURY PRESS CO.

H

Tuesday Dec.

ATHENÆUM CLUB
PAT. MALL ST. 1885

My dear Buntin,

I am very
thankful for your kindness in
inviting me to your pages.
'Conservative Reaction' does
indeed tempt me; & your
Review would be just the place
for me - who call myself a
union Liberal or Radical
- very much detached from
parties & programmes.

But I must not. I am
forced to decline your offer.

Mr Cook is now at the printers,
& the copy, though all there,
is not finally arranged,
which keeps pouring in. Till
that is known - no other
looks possible here.

Yours sincerely

Frederic Harrison.

I almost doubt if meetings
are not harmful. At least
they deceive the party

H



4 Oct. 1883

My dear Bunting,

I am already
employed on the Antiquary: offfend.
on which I give two lectures
this autumn at the Phil: Insti:
Edinburgh. The lectures will
make a small volume.

I fear also that this next
year my time is mortgaged
My courses begin at the Truffle
in November, &



of the newspapers purporting.
None of them had reporters even
nearly correct. The late was
too big & resonant, & no reporter
could catch the figures or even
argue accurately. The accounts
in the newspapers were more &
most unsafe summaries.

I have some other things on
hand. Your suggestion to
S. before is good, & I hope he
will admit.

Yours sincerely
Frederic Harrison;

I greatly enjoyed my visit
to Nottingham, & in no small
degree with gave me the
knowledge of Paton, a man
whose influence pervades the
whole town for good. I kept
my address out of the hands

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

10 Sept.

1883

Mr & Mrs Bunting, when your
letter came I was about to write
to ask if you would like to have
the Address I have just finished
for the Nottingham Congress.
I shall read the larger part of it
there on Wedn: I daresay it
may lead to some rejoinder
from the Times, & then I could
give a reply in a Postscript.

I think it will

to a very great extent cover
the ground you speak of.

I was asked by the Committee
to give them a review of
their 16 years work.

I go there
tomorrow & shall be at the
George Hotel. With Friday
yours ever truly

Fredric Harrison.

H Thefranchise Hotel
Ramsgate.

38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

3 April.

1883

My dear Banting,

I came down

here last week for my wife's health
& have not been able yet to
see the Blue books or debate
on the Transvaal matter
I have no doubt in my own
mind; but I have not the
 requisite information to argue
the case. Nor have I even
yet seen the C. L. Leaning's account
in April is like falling off the
planet. Yours always
Frederic Harrison.

Dr. W. Schoune

W.

H
38, Westbourne Terrace,

W.

4 Jan: 1883

My dear Buntin, I am

really so beset with engagements,
& work just now, & so much cast
down & perplexed by Gambetta's
death, that I could not possibly
undertake to write on the great
question. I am forced to decline
your very tempting proposal with
many thanks. I may just add that
I have had from with me who
had some days ago asked me

to write on Gambetta for
Merrillan. I had declined
but he came to Lathrop.
And I was obliged to tell
him, as I must tell you,
that my work just now
leaves me no day to
give to this.

Yours truly

Frederic Harrison

1911
Elm Hill, Hawkhurst

41, BEAUFORT GARDENS

S.W.

11 April

Dear Sir Percy, I am so very busy
with the last corrections to my two
volumes of Autobiography, to be out
this autumn, that I could not undertake
to write on Arbitration. I have already
declined 3 other invitations. It is a
very difficult & ticklish matter, & I hardly
yet know what I should like to publish
about it. I adhere to that most
blood-curdling - but true forecast
of Dr. Dillen - last January. Our poor
old country is going to pot, & I am
glad to think I am too old to see it.

Yours sincerely
Kensie Harrison.

AL-BEAL FORT GARDENS

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Berkeley Lodge.
Old Forge N. O., N. H.

August 10, 1896.

Percy W. Bunting, Esq.

London, England.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of
July 23rd asking me to write for
the Contemporary a sketch of Hon
William McKinley, the Republican
candidate for the Presidency, and
regret to say that my engagements
are such as to make it impossible
for me to consider your request.

Very respectfully yours,

Oliver Harrison

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