

"The Spectator" Office.

1. Wellington Street,
Strand, London, W.C.

3rd Jan. 1887

Dear Mr Bunting,

I send you M.S.S. - about 14
pages I think.

It is a suggestive paper, but I am dissa-
tisfied with it. If you are dissatisfied too
kill it without scruple. I have no hope

of persuading any one.

Kindly note when proof reaches you
the story about John Robinson. To me
it seems a pathetic instance of heroism
but I can imagine it seeming to many
men quite ridiculous. I will leave
it out if you like.

Yours very truly
Meredith Townsend.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored across the central fold.]

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Strand, London, W.C.

30th Dec^r 1887

Dear Mr Bunting,

Bar keep you may rely on
my M.S.S. next week. Three fourths are
written, but I can only do outside work
on Monday & Tuesday.

In writing it I have been exceedingly
struck with the persistence of the Mussur

man missionaries. They have preached steadily
in India for nine hundred years. The
Westerns hurry everything, & would
like oaks to be annuals.

Yours very truly

M. Townsend

My name by the way is
Meredith Townsend.

3rd July 1889

94, Harley Street.

Dear Mr Bunting,

Thanks for cheque. "The Future of Europe" is rather too large a subject though the ultimate position of the Continent as mistress of Africa, tutor of Asia, & rival of America might do doubt be a subject matter of most interesting discussion. I will however while in Somerset try to struck out

out for you a paper on "the future of the
European proletariat" as to which I
differ a good deal from the majority.
I am very optimistic in the matter, but people
seem to me to make two enormous blunders.
They absurdly overrate the power
of the evolutionary party to redistribute
property, - which is practically nil, - though
property will be redistributed, and they
confuse all their thinking by muddling
up the position of those who work with

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1. Wellington Street,
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2nd Oct 1895

Dear Mr Bunting,

I am not well enough to undertake extra work, and my opinion about China is still undecided. I am clear that the European government of China will produce no good result, the dragon being too strong to be tamed with a foreign yoke, and will be

find that I have no certain thoughts.

Are we not making a blunder in objecting to the dissolution or disintegration of China? I could conceive of her vast population being happier, better organized & more humble under say, twenty monarchies.

The grand lesson of the condition of China is that the complete supremacy of the civil spirit over the military spirit produces rottenness. The Chinese are ideal "Manchester Men."

Yours very truly
M. Townsend

17th May 1808

The Manor House,
Little Bookham,
of Leatherhead.

Dear Mr Bunting,

I am too near eighty, & must decline I should like to do the article, but I know the week I should be when I had finished.

There is another obstacle too. I am not quite sure of the cause of Indian unrest. I have been aware all my life of the Indian dislike for the white man, but I do not see what has recently accentuated it. It is some current of emotion, but what has set it flowing? I incline

to think it is Japanese example, but I am not certain
I without a measure of certainty how is our to write

I suppose the active struggle will be begun by
the Marhattas who have the brains of Bengalees
& the courage of Sikhs, but it is of no use to prophesy.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Townsend.

T

10 Avenue Road

Regents Park. N. W

April 30. 83

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 27th I beg to say
that I shall have much
pleasure in contributing ~~to~~
a literary article on the
subject you mention to the
Contemporary Review.

I should be obliged

to you if you would inform
me how many pages you
can allow, and whether you
require the whole for the
June Number

May I assume that
the rate of payment is the
same as on the Fortnightly
Review and Nineteenth
Century viz. £1.0.0 or
£1.1. a page?

Faithfully yours
A. D. Hall

P.S. I have not myself got
the new edition of Richardson.
Could you furnish me with it?

10 Avenue Road,
Regents Park. N. W.

July 2. 83

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the
cheque. The article on
Richardson I will send in
the course of a few days

Yours sincerely,
A. D. Hall

T
73 Palloney Street

Bath. 1883

Oct 25. 83.

My dear Sir,

Would it suit you
to take an article
from me for your
December number,
on Matthew Arnold's

Literature & Dogma,
à propos of his new
preface to the same -
an article wrapping
his position from the
strictly neutral - a question
point of view and
inquiring ^{what probability there} ~~is that~~ ^{is that}
Such a religion as

he contemplates - i.e.
a religion absolutely freed
from the supernatural
elements, ~~to which~~
might, could, would,
should, or I could even
say should obtain any
real footing in any
considerable number
of ordinary minds

About 10 or 12 pages.

I should prefer to
see it.

Partially yours

A. W. Hall

T

Mulberry Lodge
Upper Richmond Road
Putney.

May 16.. 88

My dear Sir,

My articles will
be franked tomorrow
morning. Please send
a line to say where
I shall send it to. Would
it save time if I were
to dispatch it at

once to the printers? If
so please let me know
their address. I remembered
~~at~~ some time after you
told me I could have
left the 21st that that
day was Wednesday.

Very truly yours

A. D. Hall

Jan 5. 91

The Malvernes
Upper Richmond Road
Putney

Dear Sir,

I think ~~now~~ I could
write a more or less
amusing sketch on the
modern ~~social~~
plotless, incidentless, slow
moving, "introspective"
novel of the ~~French~~ American
American type. by

taking one or two of the
great romantic stories of
the world. Shakspearean
and other - and transforming
"adapting" them to suit
the modern taste.

It should be short
of course not more than
ten 10. pp. and I
could tell you how to do
by say ~~transforming~~

to day fortnight - (first post)
the 17th of the month.

Yours very sincerely

A. D. Hall

T

BANCROFT,
HITCHIN.

July 5th 1863

Dear Mr Bunting

My hands are so full
and likely to be sent I go
afire to exceed as be
expect to do in a few weeks
that I very reluctantly
must say no to your
kindly expressed wish for

an article on Irish Emi-
gration —

G. C. Buxton (15 Eaton Place)
one of your Harz Sups could give
you a good article if
he has the time?

Many thanks for your
kind congratulations — I
am to be congratulated

in having in addition
to the qualities we
prize most — a true
helper in my work —
With best wishes for the
New Year for yourself & Mrs

Buxtoning Believe me
Yrs very sincerely
J. H. Tubee

James Hack Tubee



Dec 11. 1883

Dear Sir,

I am honoured by your invitation, and should be glad to accept it; but I have no time at all to spare.

Remain

Yours truly

J. O. Trevelyan

The Hon Arthur Balfour MP, takes great interest in the question. He can write.



T



Nov 5. 1884

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to
You for your kind letter &
am sorry to say that I am
very busy, and see no prospect
of being able to write, as long
as the Government is in.

Remain
Yours truly
J W Prynne & Sons
Edinburgh



40, Cannonmore Gardens.

S. W.

Private

Aug 1. 1885

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to say

that, except for a very short

holiday, I shall be engaged in

public speaking till the general

election. It would have given

me great pleasure to
accept the invitation with
which you have honoured
me; but it will be all I
can do to get through what
lies before me.

Remain
Yours faithfully
D W Bunting Esq 20 New Sar

T

40. Canismore Gardens.

S. W.

Dec 2. 1885

Dear Sir,

I have just found your
kind letter. I am back from
fifteen months electioneering,
and I must take a holiday.
Till after that holiday I shall
neither write nor speak
in public; but I would

have been very glad to have
responded otherwise to
your kind invitation.

Yours of truly

J O Evelyn

N W Bunting Esq

WELCOMBE,
STRATFORD ON AVON.

April 15. 1887

Dear Mr. Bunting,

I am very sorry to say that
no speech exists. The meeting had
not been fixed, and the speech
is still in limbo. I am much
honoured by your invitation,

and remain
Yours truly
J. Threlkell

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STATE OF NEW YORK

T
Wallington,
Cambo,
Northumberland.

Aug 20. 1884

Dear Mr Manting,

I am afraid that I
cannot manage any
writing just now. But I am
going to write you here else.

Dear Sir

Yours if truly
G. Chevelson

Washington

Canada

Northwest