President's Rooms,
Cornell University,

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1883.

My dear sir:

Arriving this morning, after a long absence from home, I get really my first opportunity to think upon your proposal so far as the choice of the man to do the work is concerned.

For me, it is out of the question, but the best man I know is Professor Charles Kendall Adams, LL.D., of the State University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Adams is a man of about forty-five years. His first book on "Democracy and Monarchy in France" obtained a great success here, was translated into German, and was more favorably noticed by some of

your important literary journals than any American historical work for years. His recent "Manual of Historical Literature" is also excellent.

His department is modern history, but he has given much attention to the history of our own country; and if he can be induced to undertake the work, I think him the best man possible. I know him thoroughly well, as he was my own student at that University, (which is by far the largest in the Western states,) and succeeded me in the Professorship there. He is to be here on the twenty-fifth of January, and if you desire it, I will bring the matter to his notice, and he can correspond with you directly.

There is one subject on which I would like to write an article for some English Review whenever I can get time,—and I would try very hard to get time. My subject would be "American Feeling toward England," or, "American Opinion of England," or, "American Estimates of England."

My purpose would be to show the ~~opinions of~~ growth of opinion in various strata and classes of American society. I have thought much upon the subject. I believe that it would suggest some things curious, some, possibly, instructive to English people.

I have observed among Englishmen generally — even among those who have spent much time in this country — a singular confusion of ideas on this subject.

One word more in regard to Dr. Adams. I think his situation in the West especially favors the formation of a just judgment regarding the country at large. Some time ago, Professor Bryce, M. P., mentioned an opinion which I knew to be singularly

erroneous. I naturally asked him its source. He told me that he got it at Cambridge, Mass.; and I then felt bound to tell him, what I firmly believe, that there are two points in the United States where one cannot obtain anything like an unbiased general view of the progress of affairs. One is Boston and its neighborhood; the other, Washington. In one, contemplation of New England perfections unfits him for large judgments of the country; in the other, the political atmosphere distorts and even shuts out any good view of the Nation as a whole.

I remain, dear sir,

Very truly yours,

Andr. D. White

Percy William Bunting, Esq.,
11 Old Square
Lincoln's Inn
London, Eng.

W

Hambledon Vicarage,
Cosham, Hants.

10 May. 1889

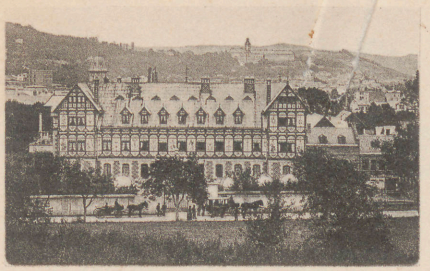
Sir,

A new poet (just deceased) has established a great reputation in Germany. He is the only great Humourist that Country has yet produced & his poems have begun to attract considerable

attention in France & Italy but as yet no review of Scheffel has appeared in English. In conjunction with a distinguished German Professor, & Selon of the Municipality of Dublin I have prepared a critique of Scheffel's poem & verse-novels and have given copious extracts, which I have put into English verse of the same metres as the originals. No doubt he will soon be as well known here as Schiller or Heine and I think my article will be calculated to interest the English public in his works. Should you think it likely to

suit your review I would
forward it for your
perusal.

Yours truly
T. Blake.



RUDOLSBAD
b. Rudolstadt

Thuringia

den 9. Juni 1892

Dear Mr Bunting. I thought it might interest you to know, that four pounds are offered in vain in Berlin for copies of the April number of your review. Dr Waldeck, the correspondent of the "Standard", tells me, that he has offered 80 Mks himself, but that it was impossible to get a copy for love or money. —

With kind regards

Yours very truly
Sidney Whitman

— P. Bunting Esq.re

Sunday morning
1908

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"C/O ATHANOR, LONDON."

JUNIOR ATHENÆUM CLUB,
116, PICCADILLY, W.

6. Russell Road
Kensington W.

Dear Sir Percy.

You will have received my telegram & I send you these few lines to express my regrets. When I left you on Friday I went home and dictated nearly 8000 words, though without the enthusiasm which I never in view to write something worth reading. Yesterday morning I received a letter from Romanes drawing my attention to the fact that anything I might write about the Emperor would be inconvenient to Prince at the present juncture. Of course that took all the life out of my fancy for the subject. Even if I were to send you something I feel sure you would deem it as inadequate. There is one subject however on which

I might perhaps write a short article without disparaging or the person of the Emperor & this is the probable improvement of relations between England & Germany by the clearing away of uncertainties: the role English sympathy is likely to play with the German people & their struggle to secure self government as now in Turkey. Even on other subjects I think I might be able to say some interesting things & I will try to drop them & see them you, if possible by Tuesday evening — without any obligation on your part to take it: merely to show you how much I respect, having unwittingly caused you annoyance. If you know, I think, by 16 years experience, that as a rule I

am a man you can rely on. I cannot even now I cannot be sure that what I may write will be acceptable to you, as so much depends upon the subject & the frame of mind in which it is tackled. but suit thy. =

Hoping you will take these few lines as evidence of an earnest desire to make amends

believe me

Yours faithfully

Sidney Whitehall

Sir Percy Bunting,

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "c/o ATHANOR, LONDON"

JUNIOR ATHENÆUM CLUB,
116, PICCADILLY, W.

29. III. 1914?

Dear Miss Bunting.

Just a line to thank you for the proof of my article received last night. I am very pleased with it & hope you are the same. The enclosures seem to promise well. I have also received a letter from Lord Northcliffe for the "Times" of a similar nature. I do not think it wise to draw the attention of the "D. Mail" "Evening News" or "D. Express", with all of which I have long had most friendly relations. But I have written to the editor of the "D. Chronicle". For all this, pray do not think me a mean egotistical self advertiser & believe me who I tell you that never is my

life down to this outbreak of this war
than I ever written a line to a
newspaper asking it for favourable
consideration of my ~~book~~
book'

Since then it is matters
which impel me to take an
unprecedented course not personal
motives. With kind regards & best
compliments to Lady Bunting

Yours very truly
Sidney Whitman

emphasise foreign conditions as we have had so many articles on our rural problem 12. Nov 1913.

TELEPHONES { 3635 GERRARD. 2793 MAYFAIR.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "C/O ATHANOR, LONDON."

JUNIOR ATHENÆUM CLUB,
116, PICCADILLY, W.

4000 words £4 a page

Dear Sir,

It is a number of years since I contributed anything to the "Contemporary Review". Thus my name may not be familiar to you. My reason for addressing you is that I am in strong sympathy with Mr Lloyd George's land proposal & I think I can give you a most convincing illustration of the backward condition of agricultural in England as compared even with the most feudal parts of the Continent — which I have passed a life time. If the subject strikes you as a likely one, please let me know & I will write an article which you can still decline, if it does not come up to your standard — or to what you require.

I may mention in

conclusion that if I offer this suggestion to the Cont. Review instead of to the Fortnightly Review of which I have contributed some articles in recent years, it is because I do think the subject more consonant with the views of the Cont. Review

Yours faithfully
Sidney Whitman

To the Editor of
The Contemporary Review

25, Gledhow Gardens.
S.W.

20th January 1916.

To the Editor of the "Contemporary",
Dear Sir,

I must apologise for addressing you after having failed to deliver an article on the "English Land Question" which I suggested to you some time ago, and which, owing to the War, I never completed, I am, alas, a slow, laborious toiler.

My object in writing to you to-day bears on an article which occupied the first place in the April number of your Review in the year 1892. It was entitled "William" and appeared anonymously and dealt with the German Emperor. I think I may say it described him as he has since shown himself to be. It was based partly, though not wholly, on material supplied to me by Prince Bismarck, and this was the reason why I did not sign it. Such a demand arose for that particular number, that, as I was told at the time, copies changed hands at £4 per piece. Now it struck me to ask whether you might care for an article for your next April number with the title say "~~The Emperor~~ William. ~~in Perspective~~" a Retrospect "also based on exclusive material hitherto unpublished.

I propose to describe the "Pandaemonium of Revelry" which has marked these 25 years, during which this man has successfully posed before a vulgar impressionist world which, like himself, had gone away from the old traditions of dignity and self-restraint, and was hypnotised by the glamour of material success and has bowed down to an idol of brass. I would endeavour to show as dispassionately as possible how one whose whole manner and conduct has always been, in flagrant, antagonism to all the canons of good taste and refinement and which had hitherto characterised the very top crust of European Society, has brusked and offended almost every high personage, he came into personal contact with. That he was yet able to play the part he did, was largely through the assistance of the gossip and the sensational loving Press of all countries which has not yet done with him. That, I maintain, is a strong arraignment of ~~such a nation~~ our age and to which this War comes as a divine retribution to all concerned.

If you think favourably of this suggestion, I might call one day by appointment and talk the matter over with you. I write thus early as I have other engagements to fulfil. But as my first article on this subject appeared in the "Contemporary" it is a matter of sentiment with me to ~~that I should~~ offer you the first refusal.

Yours faithfully,

Sidney Whitman

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"OSMIUM–EARLS, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: C/o STENT, No. 3222 WESTERN.

6. IV ? 1916

SIDNEY WHITMAN,
25, GLEDHOW GARDENS,
SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.

Dear Sir, I have to thank you for your favour of the 4th inst: you may rely on my not exceeding the length prescribed. If I cannot make an interesting statement in 400 words, I am not likely to succeed at greater length. Goethe once apologized for writing a long letter by saying that he had not been able to find the time to write a shorter one.

P.S. The enclosure may ~~perhaps~~ still perhaps interest you.

Yours faithfully
S. Whitman

POST CARD.

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS.

Halfpenny Stamp.

Whitman
Sidney.

THE DEANERY,

SOUTHAMPTON.

Oct 13

1888

My dear Sir

I shall be post the Article early in September

It will be typewritten

I have your time & trouble in perusal —

Will you kindly say in

W

Enclosed envelope whether you will object to the Article appearing simultaneously on the other side of the Atlantic say in the Forum in New York —

I am faithfully yours
Basil Wilberforce

W

Saltcoats Ayrshire.
7th July 1884

To the Editor of
The Contemporary.

Dear Sir

At the close of last year I was asked by the Secy of the Philosophical Soc. of Glasgow to prepare a paper on China.

It has now been published

published in their Transactions, and a few copies sent to me for private circulation - one of which I transmit by this post.

The Sec. informs me that I am perfectly at liberty to republish it in any form I please; and many reasons have induced me to offer it to you.

During the last few decades China has come increasingly to the front; and is certain, in a near future, to demand a much larger share of attention.

She is not well understood. We have learned so much during these ten or fifteen years

me

that

that all our standard
books have been outdated,
and except in the second
Ed: of "Williams Middle Kingdom"
there is no book in which
a summary of
such knowledge can
be found. It is scattered in pamphlets.
I have not communicated
with any other person — nor
sent any copy to any
place for review. Will
its appearance in the Transactions
of the Glasgow Phil: Soc: be its admission into my
column

columns?

I may also say that I am preparing a paper, or a similar description, on the literature of China & that he was a subject worthy of your consideration?

I remain
Yours respectfully
A. Williamson

If the article be accepted I will revise it & make a few corrections

W

Thorncote
Staines

Jany 18/85

Dear Sir

I am giving all my attention & care to the proposed article – the elevation of the Stage. But I feel too highly the honour you have done me to rush it at this date. You may depend upon having the paper in good time for March

Yours very faithfully
W G Wills

P. W. Bunting Esq.
71 Old Square

W

Thornecote
Staines
Jany 15 1886

My dear Sir

I have only just received your letter having been absent on a sudden & emergent dramatic commission - & was confined to my bed for three days owing to illness - I am well under weight with the paper you have so flattering as to order from me but could not with due care & thought have it ready for next month - I only hope that the delay will not be of serious inconvenience to you - I have been sadly overworked

With many apologies
Yours very faithfully
W J Wills

New Building
Horsham
Sussex
Feb. 12 1886

Dear Sir

I have been so ill with liver attack that once more I have been utterly unable to complete the article "Elevation of the Drama" I can only find it carefully as I am able & send it to you.

With much regret
Yours very faithfully
W. Archer

Percy W. Bunting Esq

June 30 1887
37 Sydney St
Fulham Road

My dear Sir
I am busy at the moment
I could not decipher the
name to your first letter &
only guessed
Yours very faithfully
W. H. Wills

6 Penywern Rd
Earls Court Rd
Dec 3 88

My dear Sir

When you were so good as to ask me on the previous occasion to write a paper on the Drama, I wrote with considerable care quite enough for an article, & I think the matter possessed an interest — but on reading it over, I had a sense of great impruchence in the candid expression of my convictions.

A Dramatic author must be so guarded & it is so dangerous, if his views be unpopular, to

break silence.

In an afternoon speech on the Drama one can play the genial optimist and all is plain sailing — but to write a paper on the subject, one cannot be effective without sincerity, and a dramatist would be likely, so doing, to raise a swarm of hornets about his ears both among his brothers dramatists & his critics. —

I will endeavour to think of some appropriate subject, & write to you, when it occurs to me, to submit it to your approval.

Yours very faithfully

W. G. Wills

Percy W. Bunting Esq —

7, ALTENBURG GARDENS,
CLAPHAM COMMON,
S.W.

1894

5th Oct '94

My dear Sir

And thank you very
much for the article you
desire if I had the time
but that I have not I am
doing it very. All the strength
of hours I have are absorbed
in giving my own little magazine
to the Standard. So
I have had to refuse all
temptations such as yours
for some time back, much

to my regret, for writing for magazines like yours was always a pleasure to me.

Forgive me & believe me faithfully yours

A. B. Walker

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Percy Wm. Bunting Esq

W

CLIFTON COLLEGE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL

Feb 11/85

Dear Sir,

A few days ago I gave a lecture of which a newspaper report more or less fragmentary is enclosed. I have been asked on every hand to get it printed in one of my magazines.

Do you think it would suit

you; for if so I would send you of M S.

If you happen to accept it kindly let me know of terms; or if not please return me of slip enclosed.

Very truly yours

J. Walter Wilson

The last part is somewhat novel & behind.

Please collect & return
WWW

CLIFTON COLLEGE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Oct 5/85

Dear Sir,

I think you still have my MS. on 'Church Authority': the 1st paper you will remember of the trio, of which you returned two. Will you kindly return it.

Very truly yrs
J. W. Wilson

W

CLIFTON COLLEGE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Nov. 30/85

Dear Mr Bunting,

As I have never sent you an article I do not know at what rate you pay yr contributors. Kindly let me know this before you put it into type.

You may perhaps modify yr sentence before it goes to yr Printer. In any case

a fort note shd, I think, be appended to say it was delivered as an address to undergraduates in the New Schools at Oxford in Nov. 185-.

I am glad you will take it. I think it is clear & will tell.

Yrs
J. H. Newman

THE VICARAGE,

ROCHDALE.

Jan 14/85

Dear Mr Bunting

You shall have my article nearly complete at any rate before end of this week.

Yrs

J Gall Nicholson

W

CLIFTON COLLEGE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Oct. 1/86

My dear Sir,

I think you have made an oversight in drawing Scheme. When I asked you for your terms you offered me £1 per page. This would be £20 instead of £15.

Will you kindly send me
of balance.

I have had several
letters sent me of
article. It puzzled some
for the Classic folk,
but has been well
received on Saturday.

I will think of yr
suggestion, & reply in
a few days, when I
have heard from you.

Very truly yrs

J. Williams

1886

CLIFTON COLLEGE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Oct 18/86

Dear Mr Bunting,

I have been thinking over yr proposal that I shd write you an article on yr Church or yr Mass of W Artizans, but at present I do not see my way. If I do I will let you know.

Yrs J Gillibrand

CLIFTON COLLEGE,

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Nov. 23/88

Dear Mr Bantings,

Would you like a short article, 8 or 9 pages, on "Education sacrificed to Exam" from the School point of view? It is written.

Yrs J. Bell Wilson

2 Mount Pleasant
Parr St Helens
Lancashire
19/10/86

Dr Sir, you will doubtless think that I have written my paper with a highly partizan spirit but I can assure you it stops far short of the whole truth - As an example let me tell you of an act committed only last week in the very pit I am working - There was a rumour in circulation at the colliery that there was a danger of an explosion - This having reached the chief of the management he caused two colliers who have not the confidence of the rest of the miners to go round the mine and make an examination to prove or disprove the allegation set forth in the rumour - Now as an official I know the mine to be now as it was then on fire in two seperate places and that there are thousands of cubic yards of explosive gas in close proximity to one of these slumbering fires - To blind these examiners the underground manager ordered his officials to build up the only two entrances to this gas and these men in utter ignorance of the real state of affairs have written a private report to the chief manager which it may be presumed gives a glowing description of the safety of the mine and which may be used in exoneration

of the firm if anything unplea-
-sant was to occur -

The above I can vouch for as I took my turn in directing operations to put out one of those fires which failed as they always do and then I built dams of stone, sand, and brick, with a view to smothering them out. I also know of the presence of the very large volume of gas having in my official capacity to see it constantly and that it is in close proximity to the slumbering fire which if it got as is not impossible a supply of fresh air would burst forth anew when there would in all probability be an all round repitition of past calamities -

Yours &c
W Wogan

P.S. My references in proof of my bona fides are -

Colonel Gamble J.P.
St Helens -

Hy Seton-Karr
M.P. for St Helens -

B. A. Brongrove
Proprietor of St Helens Newspaper -

Charles Wall
Editor of Wigan Observer

William Pickard J.P.
Miners Agent Wigan -

Samuell Woods
Miners Agent Wigan.

Nov 8th 1892.

Dear Mr Bunting.

I find I shall not have the time to get up an article for you by January The Nord Review, National Observers have all asked me, and I have just a round dozen of applications for speeches, but I must confine myself to doing

only what I can do with some satisfaction to myself.

I can only attribute your own personal indifference to the Legacy Question to your position as Editor which absorbs your time, or gives you no leisure to think upon the subject.

Yours faithfully

Henry M. Stanley

Percy Bunting Esq

W

Hotel Meurice, Paris
Aug 17th 1884

Dear Sir

Your letter just to hand. It has been detained en-route at several places and I fear it has come somewhat late for an article in September as I return home then I shall be very busy.

I have read the articles on the Congo question in the "Fortnightly" - the "Edinburgh" & the "Westminster" Reviews, but the arguments sadly lack connection & coherence - probably because the writers did not quite understand the situation. This is not to be wondered at since we permitted no one to know

precisely what we were doing because we had so many enemies to contend against. A premature exposure of our plans would have effectually closed the upper-river against our enterprise, as it was de Brazza contrived to do as much mischief at first - though now, we have verified the saying that the "race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong". It was necessary for us to hasten & limit mischiefs - to confine them within bounds so that no one without equal power could injure us. & now that in the interior we are practically unassailable we turn round to encounter a new enemy - an Anglo-Portuguese alliance, which must be effaced and utterly extinguished lest like dying Samson we utterly wipe out chances of English commerce in Africa. You like others who read ought to know that I have long ago declared my sympathies. They were contained in my letters to Johnston which was read at the British Association last year. Lin[illegible] English associates I inoculated them with my own ideas. I stayed at Vivi two days & then went up river to complete the work begun in the winter of 1875. & I found that the English Government had joined hands with Portugal to lock us in

Africa. You may imagine my amazement. What had we done to merit this? Was not English Commerce to be extended by the legitimate means we employed? Has England too much commerce? I think the Association was pacified in turning to France & saying, See. the friendly work we are doing for all nations is rejected by England. We allies herself for some reason against all the rest of the world with iron-fisted Portugal. Take this offer then we make you. Recognise our rights, our charter, our Concession & all we have gained shall — if we are locked upon africa & cannot open the door to the sea, — become yours if you wish it. France willingly accepted it. & she has now the first refusal.

8-17-1889

57. Not. that we must or shall sell out, but if we cannot get from England & Portugal the same right of egress as we give of imports. free from all tax, import, or demand. it will be useless for us to endeavor to carry out the work we had begun. for the treaty made between England & Portugal forever stranglers all effort. that we could possibly make.

These are the points on which the reviewers have failed to give a reasonable explanation and showed gladly have misstaken it, and around every ~~explanation~~ claim in detail but my time will not allow me as I said by September.

I have not received de Lavelaye's article, nor the conversation you referred to in your letter. I shall be in town on Wednesday & a letter to my publishers Low & Co 188 Fleet St. will always find me –

Believe me
Yours Cordially
Henry M Stanley

P.S. Gordon may well say God save me from my friends. It will be almost ruinous to his reputation to be saved by an Expedition – especially should it cost any much & some lives of life be incurred in the rescue.

W

30 Sackville Street

London.

Augt. 21st. 1884.

Dear Sir

I have just read the "Conversation" in the "Contemporary" and I am amazed that your friend's ideas and mine should have coincided so wonderfully. There is only one point I disagree with him & that is where he speaks of the route that ought to be taken being that from Massowa

such a joining a British army could not have taken under an Expenditure of 20 millions. Even the present one will cost a handsome sum, and when it will come to be paid believe me people will make Gordon the scape-grace.

I would give a great deal to hear that Gordon had out-done Expectation & led his own retreat like the Gallant leader of old with the famous ten-thousand. It is in him to do it, but if he allows himself to be rescued - he may become much less than he is to-day.

Yours faithfully
With many thanks.

Henry Wightman

Percy H. Bulling Esq
&c &c.