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Chandler

Granville, 20-10-90

Dear Harper,

I can do the work on the Virgil, if it should not require too much time.

I am on the whole sorry to think of your going to Chicago, brilliant as the prospect is there and confident as I am of your great success in that work. There are other men who can do that work well, while there is no one who can ~~take~~ fill your place in Yale. Moreover, I regard it as an especial glory to our Denomination to have you where you are now; and, of course, there would be a Baptist at the head of the new University anyway. I presume you expect to do essentially your present work at Chicago, as well as the work of organizing and directing. In this I think you are doomed to be disappointed, and I fear that the teacher will be lost in the organizer. There being among our countrymen a hundred men with organizing and executive ability where there is one inspired teacher, I think it a pity for a called teacher to spend his strength on the more conspicuous but really less honorable drudgery of an executive position. I also think the atmosphere of the East better for the scholar than is ~~that~~ of Chicago, and likely to be so for at least another generation.

If you go to Babylon, as I suppose you will, Rainey, formerly

of Denison wishes a word spoken for him in connection with the chair of English Literature or History, with some drawbacks, of which you are certain to hear from his friends, he is nevertheless likely, in my opinion, to be an unusually good worker in either of these lines. He has good taste and in these studies much enthusiasm. I was obliged, as you know, to condemn unsparingly his work here in Latin; and so I am glad to do him justice as to his ability in History and English Literature, in which I think he would labor faithfully. I suppose ~~that~~ he cordially hated his ordinary class-room duties here and despised the routine of preparatory work most cordially, as a musical genius would naturally do. Indeed he ought never to have undertaken to teach Latin; but he is interested in History and Literature, and will make an inspiring teacher. He has a fine family, and is very useful socially and religiously.

Yours fraternally,

Chas. Chandler.

I was never paid anything for the work I did in '87 before I went East. To be sure all the earlier part of it was merely destructive. Your letter just before I went to Cambridge referred to the summer's work there only. But I got rid of writing about it until the matter seemed to be too cold. Your letter revived it.

C. C.

Berlin 14-6-'92.

An den Zeuen Pommerschen 3rd.

My dear Dr. Harper,

Your last note was received shortly after I mailed my answer to your preceding. Your suggestion about my staying until Jan. 1. is awfully tempting; for in those additional months I should get more than from any equal period before, and the arrangement about my salary would solve the difficulty which hitherto has been the greatest. But, to tell the truth, during some time I have been suffering from home-sickness, and either that or some unknown cause has disturbed my health; - I am not physically or mentally at my best any longer, and am pretty well persuaded that nothing but a visit to God's country will restore my equilibrium. It seems to me now that not even travel would bring back my mental elasticity after

Mrs Chandler, Chas

the time comes for leaving Berlin, – and that I've got my mouth made up for a visit with my wife and children. I've been much vexed lately by the persecution of the Income-Tax Commission in their clearly illegal demands upon me. I've paid under protest, according to the advice of a lawyer, who assures me that the money will be refunded – in time. I could give you an interesting account of the efficiency and knowledge manifested by the American Consulate and Legation in this matter in the case of myself and other unfortunate countrymen; if I had time.

I am hoping to visit Europe again in the not distant future; and before spending much time in Rome I mean to get up a little more Italian, for which I've no time this year. Had I known earlier, however, that the arrangement you suggest was possible, I should have gone down to Rome for a month or two last winter. If possible, do not close the matter

for a little while yet; — my state of mind and body may yet change enough to justify me in planning to remain.

At all events, health permitting, I should be able to remain at my work at least a part of next summer.

Shall have to write you later on some matters concerning books.

Yours fraternally,

Chas. Chandler.

Chandler

Noah Granville, Sep. 28.

My dear Dr. Harper,

I have just reached home after a particularly unpleasant voyage. The ship was filled with a mixed multitude, and many things went wrong; though we had no infectious sickness and were promptly declared free from suspicion; after which one precious day was lost in wearisome formalities about health papers and custom-house declarations. We were landed late in the afternoon, and I came West on night train, reaching Granville this afternoon at four. I was unwell all the way; partly, I think, from the miserable quarters and surroundings on ship-board, partly from the loss of my upper teeth, which went into the sea the first evening during a sudden gush of emotion. You may imagine my surprise and chagrin, for I had only two grinding teeth left above, and the larger of these ached almost constantly. I found myself in an humiliating position as to speech and appearance, and a decidedly uncomfortable one as to eating, with serious effects on my digestion. I have just had an appointment with Dr. Sedgwick; but

Clearfield

Hôpital Vermeille, Sept. 28.

My dear Mr. Hoefer:

I have just received from you after a tantalizing silence and very yes, I'm fully with a mixed sensations we receive things usual among: they're we had no afternoon mail

and was promptly delayed for four weeks; after which we received by one lot in miscellaneous formalities about health papers and custom-house detentions. We were landed late in the afternoon and drove until in night time, reaching Marseille this afternoon at four. Dinner awaited all the way; roughly, I think, from the mountain pension and restaurant-dinner in mid-land, partly from the loss of my upper teeth, which went into the sea the first morning during a sudden gust of sunshine. Now we enjoyed my surprise and chagrin, for I had only two painting teeth left above, and the large of that acting almost constantly. I found myself in consequently practicing so to speak and appearance and a decidedly uncomfortable one on to eating, with serious effects on my digestion. I have yet had no opportunity with Dr. Sedgwick: but

before making new plate he had to extract the great aching tooth, and says he can not take a cast for the new set until Friday morning, – the gum must have so much time and ought to have much more time for the vacant spot to heal and to resume its form. The new plate he can not finish until Tuesday. Now, much as I desired to be present in Chicago from the very start, and much as I desired a chance to consult Professor Hale on certain matters too long to be discussed by mail, yet I feel so helpless in the matter of eating until I get some teeth that I hardly dare trust myself from home, to say nothing about speech and looks. If it is possible I wish to be excused from appearing until the middle of next week, – I expect to have to be a number of times at the dentist's, as he has had so much trouble before in fitting me. I thought yesterday when I left the ship that I was sick, and had hardly strength and heart enough to go through the custom-house and see to my baggage; but am already feeling better after my few hours' rest at home, notwithstanding my painful visit to Dr. Sedgwick and in spite of the aching void in my upper jaw. If you think it necessary, I will start for Chicago Friday night, leaving my teeth behind

Immediately was plain to had to without the part setting until, and keep been not take a seat for the was get until Friday morning. The from would have so much time and might it have would were home for the record sight it had and to resume its from. He was plain to can't finish until Tuesday. Then, would as I hoping it to present in Europe from the very start, and would had having a chance to consult Professor Stein on certain matters he long to be discussed by most. yet I feel so helpless in the matter of getting until I get some little that I hardly dare trust myself from home, I say nothing about Spain and truly if it is possible I wish to spend four entirely until the middle of next week. I expect to know it in a month. Issues at the Sorbonne are to be had in most hands before in getting are I thought yesterday when that the which that there such and truly strength and time enough to go through the course twice and as it may happen; but am already feeling better after my first hours rest at home, particularly now possible what to do. Religion at and in spite of the aching and in my upper and If you think of necessary, I write that for Cleveland truly right. Accept my best wishes and love, my dear

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, but I think it would be better for me to wait as before mentioned, greatly repeating the necessity. If I do not have a despatch from you, I shall wait.

I find my family well, Thank God.

Your fraternally

Chas. Chandler.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

I heard from Stuart last week, – for the first time since I was at Charlevoix in September. He was to call here this afternoon; and I tried to find you at the University to-day, not knowing whether you had seen him lately or heard from him, or whether you might have any suggestion to make about my interview with him, for I suppose he wishes to talk about the Cicero. I concluded not to go around to your house without first consulting Mrs. Chandler, – she has a great of Diphtheria. I have just received a telegram from him that he cannot be here to-day, and have written him to come Friday afternoon. If you have informed him of any determination as to the publishing or non-publishing of the book, it might be well for me to know, before I see him. There is much good work done in the part already finished.

As to the courses in the Academic College, I should be glad to give some there. While our University classes are so small, an instructor offering courses there only comes into close contact with lamentably few students. More courses open to Academic students should be offered by experienced instructors. At the same time, there is, of course, a peculiar pleasure in working with the advanced classes, – nearly all who take my present courses are graduates.

The only times last Quarter when I tried to see you, there were several ahead of me. I was myself very busy, as I was offering for the first time a course in Roman Philosophy which was quite laborious and part of the preparation for which, had but for last summer, I had been obliged to omit.

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Moreover, knowing the innumerable calls upon your time, and that heavy burdens were constantly upon your shoulders, I have feared lest I should seem to presume upon old friendship and to be willing to add to your worries. After all, the matters I should have wished to speak to you about were mostly personal, and of slight account when compared with the tremendous interests which you have to see to. I am almost ashamed to think of any troubles or difficulties of my own, when I consider the constant strain you must be under and the energy you must put forth in order to do so magnificently the wonderful work which God has called you to do.

Abbott is a gentleman, and, I am sure, strives to be very just and considerate; – I should have great confidence in his judgement as to the arrangement and assignment of the courses.

I am usually busy with classes 9:30 – 12:30, except part of the time on Mondays; – can call on you at almost any time, except during the hours mentioned.

Yours fraternally,

Chas. Chandler.

8-1-96.