

a strong temptation
Yours very sincerely
S. Newcomb

Dear President Harper:

My husband handed me this to read & so I am going to tell you that I have objected to his "I must then find something to do". As I attend to the money affairs I know that he will not need to work or worry on that account. And as regards having something to do - he is constantly refusing applications for articles I said lately - "I have enough to do to keep me busy for ten years". Still I realize that some steady occupation may lengthen his life - & he loves contact with ingenious minds. Please do not mention these lines from yours truly -
(me) Mary Hester Newcomb

1620 Plt ^{Newcomb} Washington,
Nov. 6, 1897

② Dear President Harper:

Country seems to demand that I should make a perfectly frank reply to the very kind intimation conveyed in your last letter.

When I gave up active work at the Johns Hopkins four years ago, it was understood on both sides that I would resume work there after my official retirement. This resumption is now made

doubtful by the loss of
income of the university.
I have some official work
to finish which will keep
me busy till next spring
or summer. I must then
find something to do, but
do not wish to make an
engagement in advance
of consultation with Preset
Gilman.

I am so firmly an-
chored here in Washington
with house, furniture and
library, that it would be
a serious matter to move
away. Moreover, I am

greatly subject to bronchial
trouble in cold weather, and
am not at all sure that
the climate of Chicago would
agree with me. Hence I
could not undertake, at
first, any engagement
that would require a
permanent residence. But
I would take so much
interest in teaching and
guiding a few capable
young men that a chance
to do this without perma-
nently breaking up my
home here would offer

1620 P STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sept 28, 1904

(16)
Dear President Harper:

I send the accompanying letter after much hesitation. Unless you strongly approve of its implied appeal, please keep it to yourself. If it strikes you favorably, I have no objection to your letting Mr Skiff see it in a purely personal

WASHINGTON, D. C.
1850 P STREET NORTHWEST

Sept 28, 1851

(1)

Dear President Jackson:
I send the enclosed
copying letter after
much hesitation. When
you strongly approve
of it in which appears
I think best to give
up of it at once
forwards. I have
no objection to your
letting the staff be
it in a number of papers

way. I suppose he
will be the most
influential factor
in the case.

Sincerely yours
S. Newcomb

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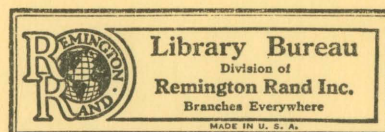
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