the first of July must find me at least twenty-five miles from a town, — in the woods with the birds and on the water after the fish. She says this is not a question of choice, but of necessity; and I must accept her verdict.

I am very indeed to give up the visit to Chicago from which I had expected great pleasure; and if I cause you any disappointment I hope you will forgive it, remembering that my own is greater.

My sincerely yours
Henry Van Dyke

May 1.

Van Dyke

THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION,
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD STREET.

no date

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My dear Doctor Harper,

It is a cause of great regret to me that I must give up the plan of coming to Chicago in July. The physician warns me that I have drawn my balance in the Bank of Nervous Power very low and may soon be notified of an overdraft. She says that there must be no more head-work done after June 20th, and that

the article for which you ask.

With sincere regret,

Faithfully Yours

Henry van Dyke

Sept 30. 1896

Rev Dr W. R. Harper

Pres. Chicago University

Van Dyke

Forest Hills Lodge,
Franconia, N. H.

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My dear Sir:

Your favor of September the twenty-second is found here on my return from the backwoods of Canada. The invitation to write for the Christmas number of the Biblical World is one that I appreciate highly and would accept with pleasure if it were possible. But the necessity of preparing the Ode for the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Princeton, and of completing two other promised pieces of literary work before beginning a still larger task on December first, leaves me no time to write

The Brick Church Manse,
14 East 37th Street,
New York City.

van Dyke

Dictated.

April 14th, 1898.

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My dear President Harper;

The engagement to come to the University of Chicago on the first of July has not been forgotten, and I hope to be able to fulfil it, but you must let me know more definitely what a "Convocation Address" is. Is it a kind of a conventional speech, that is, a speech for a convention, or is it more of the nature of a scholastic disquisition? I have some lectures on "Wordsworth, Browning and Tennyson, and their message to the Age," and also a lecture on "Poetry and Painting", and another very primitive kind of a talk on "Democracy and Nature", especially referring to primary education.

I do not know whether any one of these things would answer your purpose. Just at present the winter's work has left me so much used up that I do not feel like undertaking to prepare anything new.

Cordially yours,

Henry van Dyke.

President Wm. R. Harper,
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

The Brick Church Manse,
14 East 37th Street,
New York City.

Ship. We will take the first subj.

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Van Dyke

Dictated.- March 2nd, 1899.

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My dear President Harper;

Somebody,- probably Poe's "imp of the perverse,"- if that mysterious spirit can be called a body,- has made away with your kind letter about my visit to Chicago. And my treacherous memory refuses to recall all the details of the programme which you outlined therein. But perhaps I can make a practical answer to your inquiries by saying that I have to lecture in Buffalo on Thursday evening, March the 30th, and can take the midnight train from that city, arriving in Chicago at four o'clock on Friday afternoon. I expect to stay with Mrs. W. G. McCormick, 157 Rush St., who invited me last summer to be her guest. The dinner on Friday evening, of course, must be hers, but with that exception, and counting out also Sunday morning, I shall hold my time on Saturday and Sunday at your disposal for any engagements that you may kindly make for me in connection with the University.

In regard to the subject of the discourse on Saturday, I had intended to speak on "Democracy and Culture," but if you would prefer a lecture either on "The Message of Browning," or "the Message of Tennyson, to the Nineteenth Century," I

should be very glad to make the change.

In regard to Monday, I am sorry that my engagements here require me to leave for New York by the earliest practicable train.

Believe me,

Very cordially yours,

Henry van Dyke

Pardon the haste of this letter. I am overwhelmed with work.

President Wm. R. Harper,

University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Van Dyke

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With best wishes to you and to your work, I remain,

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Department of English
Princeton University

Princeton, N. J.
October 17th, 1901.

(Dict)

My dear President Harper:

Your kind letter of October 5th sets before me an invitation which I sincerely wish it were possible for me to accept. Indeed, the delay in replying to you has been caused by a struggle between inclination and conscience. Conscience has gotten the upper hand, and assures me positively that it would be criminal to undertake any more work than that which has been already planned and promised for this academic year. I am sincerely sorry for this, and beg that you will understand how much I appreciate, and how gladly, if it were possible, I would accept the invitation to be one of the preachers to the University of Chicago.

Cordially yours

Henry van Dyke

Oct.30th, 1901.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke,

Princeton, N. J.

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January 27, 1903.

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Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 24th found here on my return from Washington. I am sorry that it is not possible for me to come to the Religious Convention, first, because I have already promised to fill engagements at Wellesley, at Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, at Vassar, and in Boston during the first two weeks in February; second, because, as I understand it, I am booked for March 8th and 15th at the University of Pennsylvania. With sincere regret that it is impossible for me to make two trips, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Henry van Dyke

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March 2nd, 1903.

Rev. Henry van Dyke,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. van Dyke:-

I am writing to ask you to suggest a subject for the toast at the dinner refered to in my former letter, which is to be given on the evening of Saturday, March 2nd. I am sure that you will enjoy the evening as we have arranged it. If you could suggest a topic we shall be very grateful.

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I have consulted with the Evanston gentleman and arranged so that you will be with us on the evening of the 14th. The special guests besides yourself will be the French Ambassador, M.Jusserand. We shall be very glad indeed to arrange for you at the hotel.

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Princeton, N. J.
February 21st, 1903.

(Rec'd.)

Dear Dr. Harper,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 19th. I am planning to be with you on March the 8th, and 15th, and shall bear in mind what you say about the nature of the service on the latter date. I can stay in Chicago at least until the afternoon of the 17th, and shall be very glad to have the opportunity of being with you at the Convocation Exercises. In regard to the evening of the 14th, I promised the people at Northwestern University to lecture for them at that time, provided it should not conflict with arrangements made at the University of Chicago. They accepted the promise, and I took it for granted that they had consulted you on the matter. Of course I consider myself as under your general direction and control while I am in Chicago. The gentleman who wrote to me about the Northwestern engagement was Mr. C. C. Brown, Evanston, Ill. I have also accepted under the same conditions the following engagements:-

The Interdenomination Club. One P. M. March 9th, Monday
The Peoria Congregational Club, Evening, March 10th, Tuesday
Lake Forest University, Evening, March 12th, Thursday
Presbyterian Social Union, Evening March 13th, Friday
Y. M. C. A. University of Chicago, Afternoon, March 15th, Sunday

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In regard to the question of residence, as I am not very well this spring, I think it will be better for me to live in a hotel, rather than to occupy the preacher's room and go out for meals. I congratulate you upon the great success of the convention last week. All the papers are full of it.

Faithfully yours,

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January 24th, 1903.

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My dear Dr. van Dyke:-

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We can arrange accommodations for you either at a hotel, or in the Preacher's Room which is in Hitchcock Hall. This I think you would find very comfortable. In this case you would take your meals at the Quadrangle Club which is a club of the professors of the University and will be found satisfactory. Kindly let me know which you prefer.

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Department of English
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Princeton, N.J.
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My dear Sir,

Dr. van Dyke expects to come to the University of Chicago as preacher on Sundays March 8th and March 15th. He would be very glad if you would inform him what services are required of him and where you expect him to stay.

Yours very truly,
D. Lawrance Chambers, Secy.

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With sincere regret

Faithfully Yours

Henry vanDyke

August 4. 1903.

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~~Answered~~

Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President.
AIRLIE BEACON,
NORFOLK, CONN.

Preacher

Dear Dr Harper ✓

Forgive my silence. The health of the family has been much disturbed by last winter's attack of whooping-cough, and I have been in constant anxiety and unsettlement. Mrs. vanDyke's condition is still a cause of uncertainty and distress. It may be necessary for me to go away with her next winter. In the present state

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Chicago, February 7, 1912.

Mr. R. W. Stevens,

The University of Chicago.

My dear Mr. Stevens:

Dr. Van Dyke requests that in selecting hymns and responsive readings that the hymns be those of general praise, and not those of any denominational opinion.

Yours very truly,

S.M.

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