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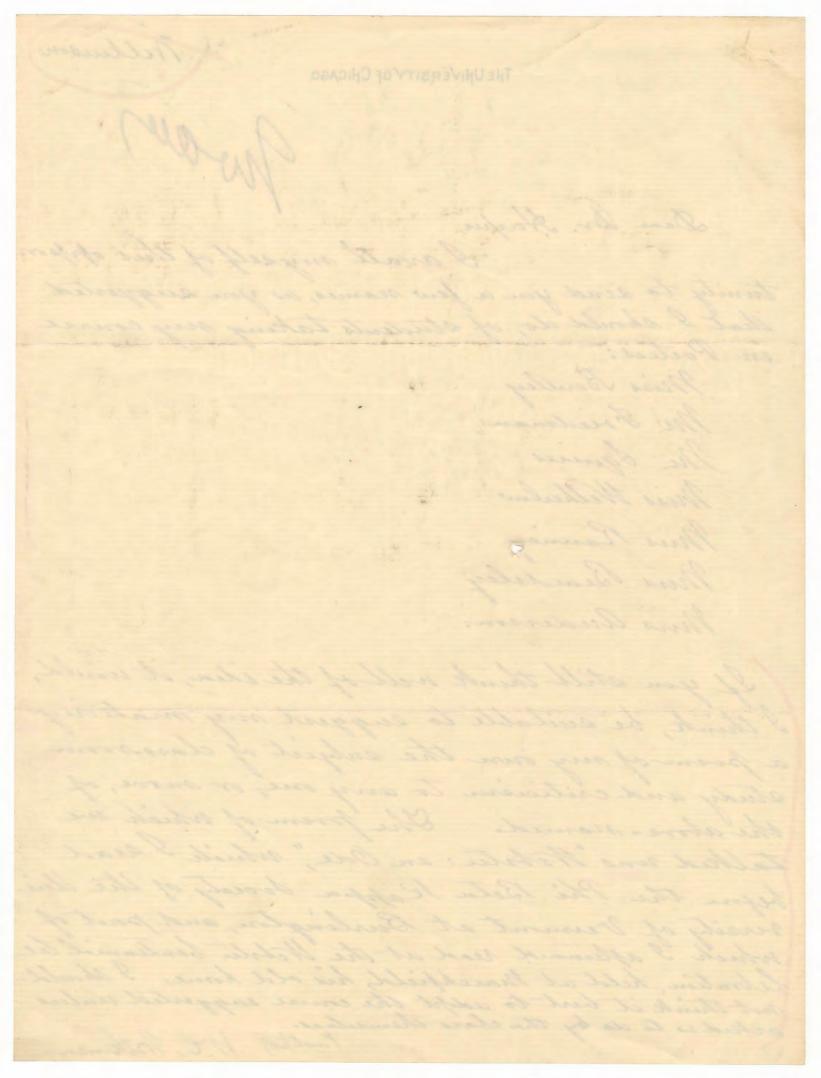
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Dear Dr. Harper,

I avale myself of this opportunity to send you a few names, as you suggested that I should do, of students taking my course in Poetics:

Miss Bentley Mr. Friedman Mr. Squires Miss Wetherlow Mis Ranney Mis Leardsley This anderson.

If you still think well of the idea, it would, I think, be suitable to suggest my making a poem of my own the subject of class.room study and criticism to any one, or more, of the above - named. The prem of which we talked uns Webster: an Ode," which I read before the Phi Beta Rappa Society of the University of Vermont at Burlington, and part of which I aftermard read at the Webster bentennial be lebration, held at Marchfield, his old home. I should not think it best to adopt the course suggested unless asked is to do by the class themselves. Paulas 112, Mitanson



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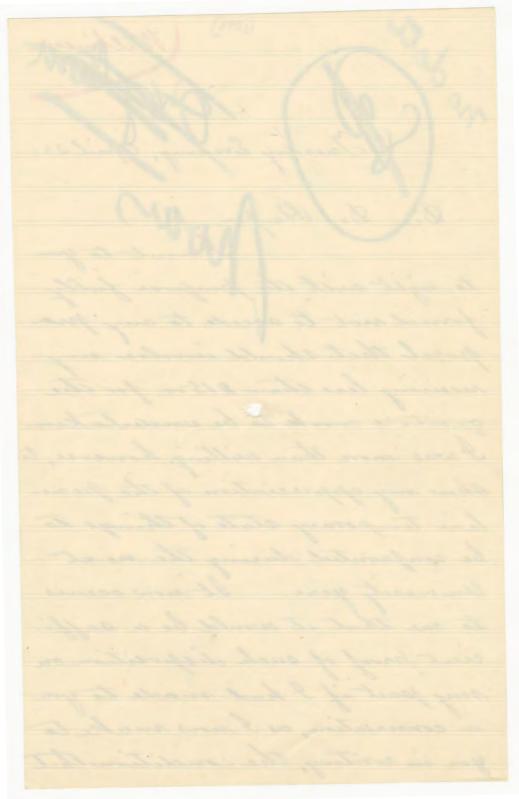
3520 Madison ave, Chicago, april 29, 1893. Dear Dr. Aarper, There appropriderations which put it quite out of the question for me to con. time my work here on terms more favorable to the University than those indicated in my note of last Tuesday, receipt of which you acknowledged. I certainly do not wish to press the University, and I think the concersion I propose, to enable the trustees to meet a demand on my part which you in conversation frankly recognized as entirely reasonable, will amply show this. I do not suppose that the present communi-

cation will affect at all the final action of the ad. ministration in the premises; but a sense of justice to myself, as well as to you, compelled me to make

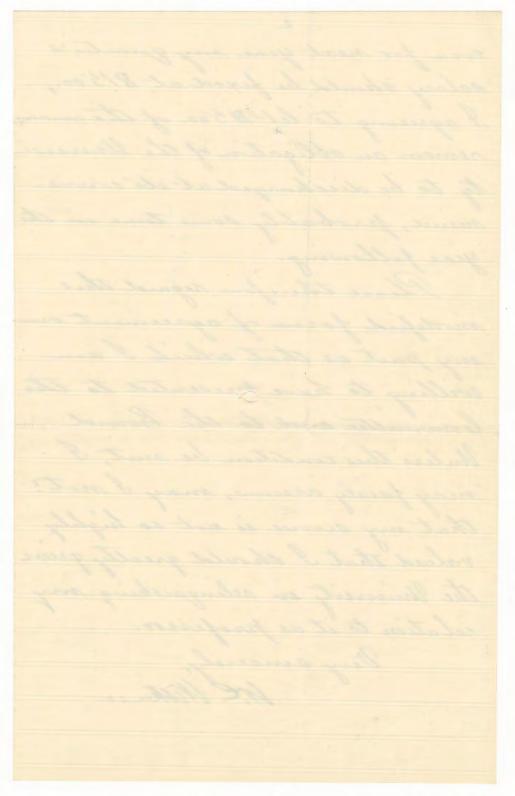
it. If it will at all contribute to the speedie consummation of arrangements for the future, I are-

Thorize you to regard and use this note as a resignation of my chair in the Murersity. Faithfully yours, / William C. Wilkinson and I think the consumant I property to smaller

Me Bruesday Everying, Shilles. De De Alafinent to yo went to you to night with the kurpove fully formed not to accede to any proposal that should involve my receiving less than \$ 1500. for the quarter's work to be underlaken. I was more than willing, however, to show my appreciation of the pecuhas temporary state of things to be confronted during the next Aneversity year. It now occurs to me that it would be a sufficreat proof of such disposition on my part if I had made to you in conversation, as I now make to you in writing, the condition that



Even for next year my quarter's salary should be fixed at \$1500. I agreeing to let \$ 500. of the amount remain an obligation of the University to be discharged at its comemence, probably some time in the year following. I leave therefore regard this modified form of agreement on my part as that which I am willing to have presented to The Committee and to the Board. Unless this condition be met, I may fairly assume, may I not? that my service is not so highly valued that I should greatly greene the University in relinguishing my relation to it as professor. Very succeedy, W.C. Witkense



Con thilking maning Dem Mr. Harper I have prepand two additional courses for the winter quarter, These I will speak of to my dans. es, part on the bulletin bounds, Exhibit in the University news," and otherwise make public as may be suggested. I shall thus I hope make good, in a degree at least, the defect

I apon my work which double sand it is esti-matin not imprive to that of any other department of work. I do not my ref see his could be department of secupt in terms of title and of salary. If there is among adder away than this, I shall not sticked for this. The guitt willing to receive no more than some if there one the diadrantagenes discrimination against and. The fet with myself makes are depresent and a the fet that other programs an deciminated against against appelly and my thing occur to me to see ing as there is and the program are depresent as a to see .

of the Calendar. It seems so impossible to talk things out, you time being engrossed to such an ex. tent) that I will now briefly write in blunt fashion the points most necessary of what I should wish to say: I should not think it wise for me to continue leaching in the University unless the andilins were made more favor. able for the highest success. The thing indispensable is that I should have a chance external by equal to the best. There would have to be a quite unis.

With the most cordial personal feeling, Faithfully yours, W.C. Wilkinson I should not for a moment have entertained the idea of return to teaching work anywhere else than in the University of Chicago. I finally came to hope that if you, as president, were disposed to give me such support as was necessary, it might be my duty to make so import. and a change in my activity. of this condition fails, I shall contentedy and hopefully return to work with my pain. wear

(Coly) May 24, 1912

Dear Dr. Small:

Would you like to garnisk your "Harper Memorial" address with the above sonnet on the strength of an identification furnished by a very distinguished gentleman who writes of it as follows ( no name having been given him in connection with the sonnet submitted for his consideration):

"A striking characterization, it \_\_Harper. Perhaps all would not recognize the portrait, but I was too intimate with the original te mistake it."

You know how sincerely I can sign myself

Cordially yours,

W. C. Wilkinson

Kindly return in the enclosed envelope, with particulars of any wish you may have concerning it. I wish I could hope to hear you.

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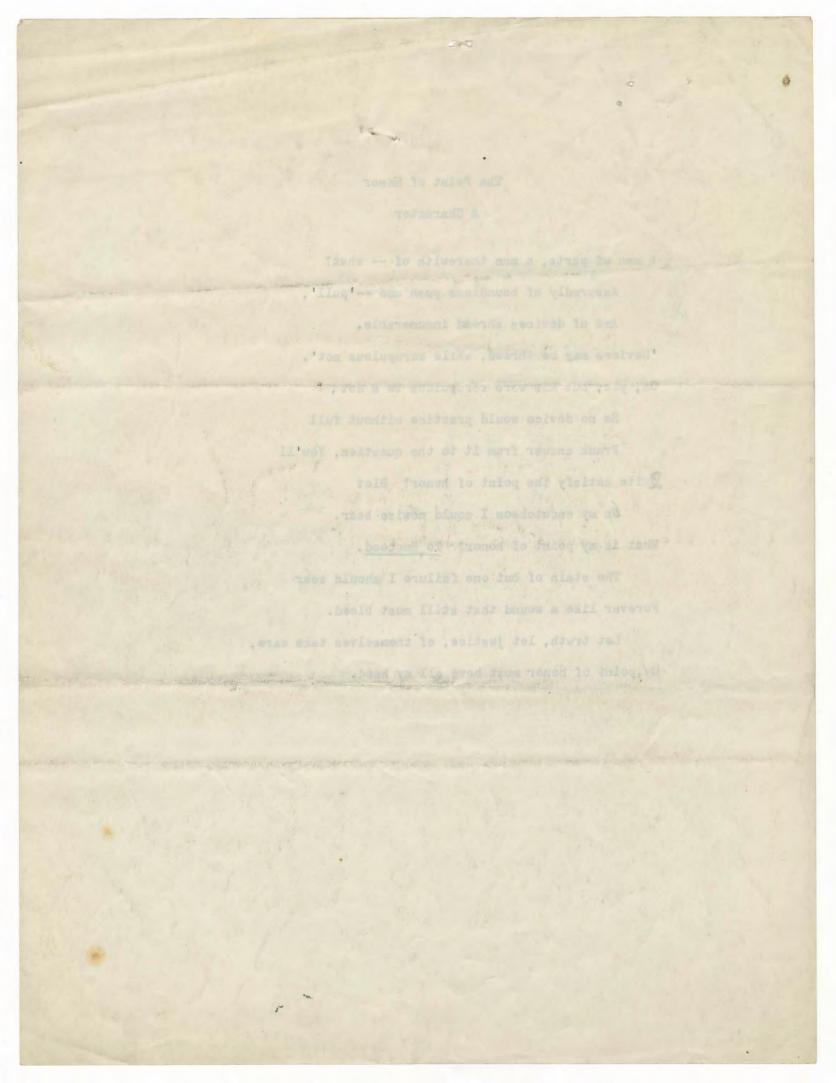
A man of parts, a man therewith of -- what? Assuredly of boundless push and --\*pull', And of devices shredd innumerable. 'Devices may be shrewd, while scrupulous not'. Oh, yea, but his were scrupulous to a dot;

He no device would practice without full Frank answer from it to the question, You'll Quite satisfy the point of honor? Blot

On my escutcheon I could nowise bear. What is my point of honor? To Succeed.

The stain of but one failure I should wear Forever like a wound that still must bleed.

Let truth, let justice, of themselves take care, My point of honor must have all my heed.



May 27, 1912.

My dear Professor Wilkinson:-

If Dr. Harper were still with us in the should body, I doubtless commend your lines to him as a mirror in which he might profitably look upon certain of his impulses as they would appear after caricature had done its worst. Any one who knew him fairly well and did not know that some of the temptations of his qualities lurked in the direction you indicate would have to be mentally or morally, blind. I told him so more than once, in language less artistic than yours, but more truthful. To insinuate, however, that your indictment of Dr. Harper is a judicial estimate of his character is so monstrous that to treat it as it deserves would overtax not only a subtlety of diction equal to your own, but a refinement of cynicism which I have also not achieved.

If I were addicted to betting I should not hesitate to risk a considerable sum on my ability at the first attempt to name "the very distinguished gentleman" who shares your disposition of defamation toward Dr. Harper. The friends of this gentleman have given him the benefit of the hope that he had outgrown the disappointment due to his own lack of wisdom commensurate with his ambition. I could not, if I would, say of him anything so damaging as his reaffirmation of himself in this gratuitous complicity in slander of the dead. Fortunately I am one of a goodly number whose knowledge of the relations between the two men absolves us from seriously considering the question whether your correspondent could be a dispassionate judge of Dr. Harper.

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