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247. S. 16th St.

My Dear Harrington:

I was very much gratified at receiving your life of Sir W^m Logan - pleased that you should remember me in the distribution among your friends, and very much interested to find that you have added to your other accomplishments, so graceful and pleasant a style as a biographer. It must have been an agreeable task to write the narrative of a life influenced by pursuits and tastes with which you thoroughly sympathized

You certainly can not fail to be rewarded when you find how well you have done it.

I envy you your constant accretions of knowledge and the scholarly training that comes with such occupations as yours. My opportunities for any sort of study or for seeing people who stimulate ones intellect seem to grow less as I grow older. If I did not find some pleasure in the administrative features of manufacturing, I think I should be tempted to go back to New Haven and take to study in earnest. One may talk in this way but at nearer forty

than thirty the lines of life are pretty well fixed. and after all the main thing is to have something to do that is not quite easy. I left the steel works last summer to take the position of manager of the Harrison Havemeyer sugar refinery. Two or three weeks after I was installed the sugar house was burned. It is an enormous place and it has been very busy work rebuilding. Tavenport is now the Superintendent at Midvale. He dined here last week. and looked thriving. We saw a good deal of Hulst last summer

at a place called Magnolia
in Mass. He has been successful
in his mining operations
and has retired from a
very active life for the present
rich, but very much broken
in health. Humphrey has
made an unsuccessful
venture in glucose and is
now all abroad again.

We are permanently settled
I suppose in Phil^a leaving
with a good deal of reluctance
our pleasant place in
Germantown, our country
drives and all that. I wish
something would bring
you to this part of the

world. We can not offer
many inducements. It is
a dull place but your
welcome would be very
warm. Mrs Brinley joins
me in begging you if you
do come South to bring
Mrs Harrington to us for
a little visit at least. If
I can find a photograph
of our youngsters I am
going to send you one
with this. Thanking you
again for your book. I am

Always Truly Yours

Charles A Brinley

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