



48 E 8th St New York  
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Dear Mr Harrington:

You will I have no doubt be interested to know that I feel myself quite a changed man. I feel no inclination or desire for stimulants of any sort. I have not quite the same feeling as some others who profess to have no fear of temptation, as when I reflect what degradation and humiliation liquor has brought on me, I have every reason to dread it as my worst enemy. I have had a few trifling annoyances since I wrote to you, but the peace of mind which I have found in this manner of life was a sufficient antidote. Mr Bunting is rather a blunt spoken man, and although, I have been very retiring and unassuming in my

behaviour since I have been in the  
"Home", still the other day he evidently  
thought I wanted taking down, and gave  
me the gist of your last letter to him  
in such language as was most calcu-  
lated to mutilate me and make  
me feel "mean" in my own eyes.

It was on the occasion of an  
interview I had with him relative  
to the \$12<sup>00</sup> you kindly sent  
for my use. I did not get any  
of the things I wanted till the  
day before yesterday, when one of  
his assistants went with me. Mr  
Bunting advised me to keep enough  
over to pay for a week's board  
after I leave here. You know my  
time expires on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
I am supposed to look out for  
employment during the last week.

I have only used \$5<sup>00</sup> of the money  
you sent me so far but shall use  
about another dollar as soon as  
I can get a "Reporters Companion"  
which I have been searching for.

You know it is five miles from  
the "Home" to the City Hall and  
Court House in which neighborhood  
I will have to look for work and  
as I have to walk the whole  
distance there and back, I will  
have some considerable difficulty, as  
Mr Bunting objects to anyone leaving  
the house until after prayer which  
is about 10:30 in the morning, and  
no one is allowed out on any  
pretense on Tuesdays or Saturdays.  
He will not give me any of the  
money you sent him while I remain  
here. I have bought shaving utensils,  
a hat, braces & cap paper  
and had a pair of boots mended.  
I have not had any clothes altered  
lest I shd. find myself houseless  
when I left here. I understood  
from what Mr Bunting told me that  
I was to look to my friends in  
Montreal no longer for any assistance.

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If I can procure ~~an~~ employment  
at once, I will be all right, but  
of course you know how many  
thousands cannot procure work in  
New York. However I shall  
do my best. Mr. Gushing has not  
been to see me since I have been here,  
but wrote me a short note in answer  
to one from me. I am very very  
anxious to get to work, and shall  
do my very best to obtain something  
to do next week. This house has  
only accommodations for a limited number  
of men, and as soon as one man's time  
expires he must make room for  
some other applicant for admission.

I only trust that the time I  
have spent here will be blessed to  
my lasting good. I told you in  
my letter to you at Montreal that  
I would try and prove myself worthy  
of all Mrs. Harrington's interest in me  
whom you are under no obligations