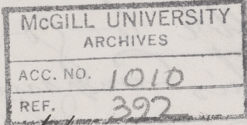


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My dear Mr Harrington

I am glad to say I have succeeded in getting employment as stenographer in this Office. I commenced work last Thursday, and ought to consider myself fortunate for the berth is a very good one. I trust you and Mrs Harrington will try and look over and forget that I ever broke out drinking here. It only lasted for two days, and I hope it will be the last time. I am by no means an exception among those who pass through Mr Bunting's hands. Several of his most promising converts have broken out drinking worse than ever shortly after they left the "Home" among whom were some who were in the habit of giving testimony at meetings as to their being new creatures and all that sort of thing and in whom (judging from their language) one would have the greatest confidence in their remaining steadfast, but I hear of these very men every now and then as going headlong to destruction, they having broken out drinking worse than ever. A great many people in Montreal will remember Mr Frisby who was Asst. Secy. of the Y. M. C. A. in Montreal. He has been twice at the "Home". The last time I am told he came in a most pitiable condition, and as one of Mr Bunting's assts. told me, he was one of the most miserable looking objects he had ever seen. Knowing Mr Frisby myself in Montreal I could hardly believe that he could have got down so low. There is one thing that I trust will assist to keep me steady and that is my indebtedness to

to those who so kindly sent me here. I have got a  
good situation now and I will try and keep it,  
and return the amt. you by instalments.  
So you think you could send me a little to go on  
with. They only pay by the month in this Company,  
My Landlady does not care about busting me; I have  
had no washing done since I left Mr Bunting's.  
I have had to be satisfied to fast from breakfast  
to dinner at about 7 o'clock p.m. and what is more  
my Office is nearly five miles from my board my  
house Mr Bunting having ~~insisted~~ insisted on my getting  
a room somewhere in the neighborhood of the "Home" so  
that there would be less trouble for his Asst. when  
he went to pay my board. I have got a nice little  
room at \$5.00 a week, but I only get two meals a  
day. Mr Bunting has done absolutely nothing towards getting  
me anything to do. I procured this situation entirely of myself  
by making inquiries. I asked his Secy. if anything could be  
done for me in the way of securing my board until I  
got my pay, but he was instructed to say he could do  
nothing for me in that way. I only stopped three weeks  
out of the last four that were paid for - having left the  
house on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> July and my board was paid  
till the 24<sup>th</sup> of that month. So I think Mr B. might have  
made some allowance for that even though I was not legally  
entitled to any. I should be very glad indeed if I had a  
small amount of money to pay washing, car fares, lunch &c  
till I get my pay. My boots are very nearly gone  
and I don't think they will hold till pay day if I  
have so much walking to do. My boarding house is  
No 203 East 63<sup>rd</sup> St. - The Office Room 26 - or C. S.  
Brice, No 110 Broadway.

Yours very truly,  
Alfred Clarke