

Jan. 3. 1900.

My Dear Dr. Harper

I have considered very carefully all that you were good enough to say to me in Chicago and it has had its due effect. I think however that ~~in leaving~~ ^{the proposition to leave} a position at the head of a department to accept one that is in a measurable degree subordinate ~~and to accept~~ ^{with} a salary one third less should be accompanied by a clear and definite understanding concerning the time of advancement in the new post. For the great inducement ~~of your offer~~ is clearly the prospect of further advancement. I am therefore willing to ~~pledge~~ ^{promise} ~~the~~ ^{my} acceptance of your offer on the basis of your personal pledge ~~of my advancement~~ ^{to advance me} to an associate professorship within a ~~reasonable~~ ^{definite} time to be agreed on between us.

~~If you think such an arrangement possible will you please telegraph ^{an hour ^{and place} for a meeting ^{you} with me} in New York on Monday the 8th, as our ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} I shall be in N. Y. on Sat. Jan 6th and will receive my message left for me at the Holland House before 3 P.M.~~

If you think such an arrangement possible I can see you
Sat. Jan. 6th when I shall be in New York. I will call

the Holland House at about one ^{for a message} and failing word then again
about five. We resume work here on Tues. Jan. 9th

Yours very truly
Frank R. Lillie